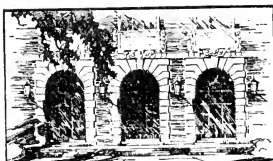


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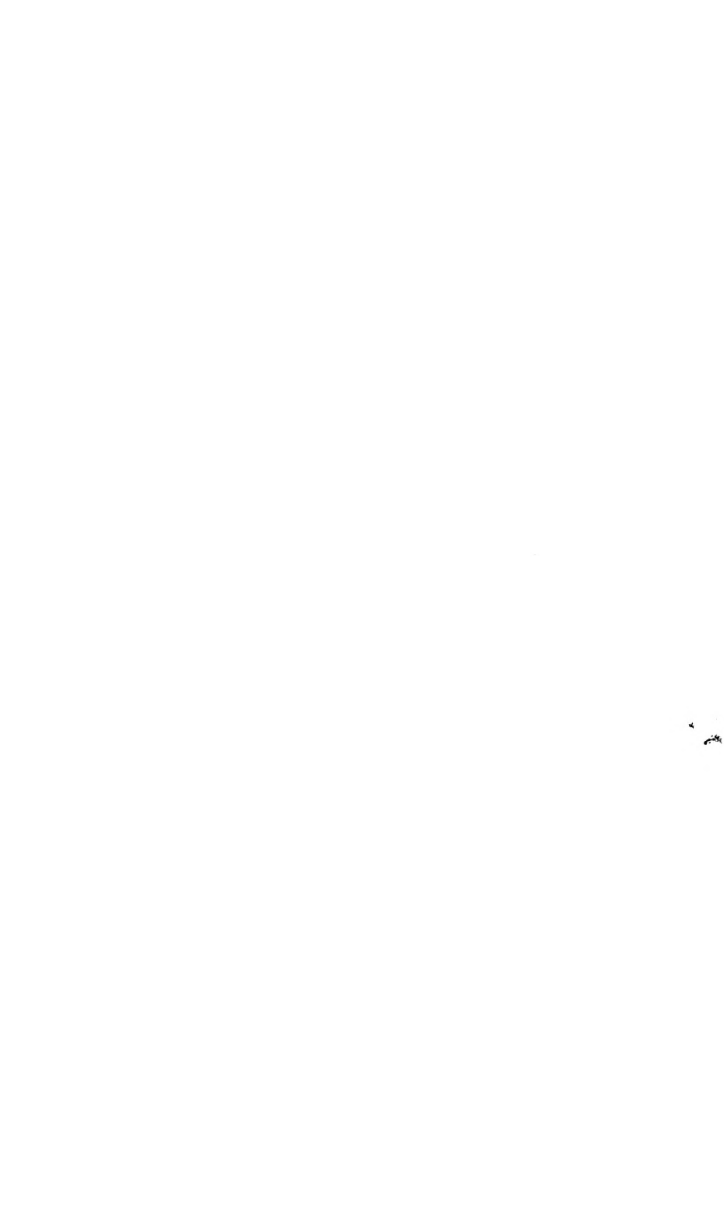


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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

ROOM OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., DECEMBER 15, 1894.

To JOHN P. ALTGELD, *Governor of Illinois*:

SIR:—The trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, in submitting this report to you, feel that they are not only discharging a legal duty, but, while so doing, that they are engaged in a work both pleasant and attractive; for whatever matters relate either directly or remotely to Illinois and its history present a charm to be found only in the contemplation of a succession of great events that are unexcelled in the annals of the world. Though by comparison with the older nations of the Eastern Hemisphere the State of Illinois is but young, yet the history of *its infancy* presents more vigor than the listless history of *their old age*. Like the young Grecian Hercules, it commenced to perform wonders in its very cradle. The brief space of four centuries includes the history of the American continent since the arrival of the Caucasian race. After that, also, nearly four centuries include the history of that great domain now embraced in the United States. Four centuries, in point of time, are but “a notch upon the paling” in the life of the universe; and, compared to the duration of the existence of the ancient nations of Europe, Asia and Africa, the United States are indeed just at the beginning of their great career. When Napoleon addressed his soldiers in Egypt, he told them that from the pyramids the shades of forty centuries looked down upon them. If, in the imagination, we could erect a pyramid on our soil, we would be forced to say that the shades of only one-tenth of the centuries that cast their shadows upon the Napoleonic Legion fall upon us. But, though just at the threshold of their great career, the United States of North America, through giant strides in all the arts and inventions, have eclipsed all the older civilizations. While admitting the durability of the learning and wisdom transmitted from generations to generations among the nations that border on the East Indian Ocean; admitting the impress made upon mankind through the preservation of knowledge by the vast Egyptian storehouses which, in the ages gone by, were the depositories of useful information; the force and character impressed upon Europe by the intermingling of the effects of the earlier Greek and Roman civilizations with the results of the later Latin, Germanic and Anglo-Saxon scientific researches, yet (and possibly as the outgrowth of all of these with whatever influence they may

have exerted, whether immediately or even remotely on the discovery, settlement and upbuilding of our continent, and, above all, intermingled with our air, our climate and hence with our new aspirations), we can justly lay claim to the establishment of a new order in a new world that will ever appear in the vanguard of mental, moral and material progress. And, in proof of this assertion, we call attention to the fact that when the nations of the earth came together last year in friendly competition, the United States out-ranked them all. Hence, amid this contemplation of the *status* past, present and future of this great and indissoluble union of States of which Illinois forms a part, every Illinoisian, as a member of the State and the nation, may well feel proud; and that pride is increased when we recall the further fact that to the sum total of all this national greatness our state has added no insignificant part; in truth, its contribution to this national greatness, by the erection of the most magnificent city of the world within its borders, made it possible to bring the rest of the world to meet here in that friendly competition of last year, inasmuch as the realization was brought to all that in this wonderful city, the magic growth on Illinois soil, there were more facilities for handling the multitude than anywhere else. Hence it is that while fulfilling the requirements of the law we bring to the discharge of that duty a patriotic cheerfulness and a proud love of state and country that make the work an inviting task.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE STATE.

In asking for a continuance of this Historical Library, we do so on the ground that through its agency many books, documents, pamphlets, monographs, manuscripts, etc., relating to our history can be easily collected and preserved as demonstrated by the already large and valuable collection in the room set apart for this purpose. In thus having set apart a room for matter pertaining particularly and generally to Illinois, the State furnishes convenient access not alone to all who are interested in historical researches but to all who take a pride in learning and knowing what a prominent position the State occupies, and we are convinced that all Illinoisians *do* take this pride. This Library contains a record of the material and intellectual development of the State. A development for which no citizen need to blush. During the two hundred and twenty-four years which have elapsed since the advent of the first white man on our soil, the growth materially and intellectually has been truly wonderful. And the history of these two centuries and a quarter is worthy of preservation. That history commences with the year in which an invitation was extended to the Indian tribes of the Northwest to a conference with the representatives of the French-Canadian government at the Sault Sainte Marie, at which conference the French in 1671 spread their dominion over the Northwest and the Indians of the Northwest were promised protection against their hostile eastern neighbors—the Iroquois. Prior to this time

there was a series of events spreading over nearly a century and a half that led up to this conference, and the history of this century and a half is an appropriate part of the aim of this Library, as it is the source from whence our own history springs. The early French settlements through New France, through Canada, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were the vanguards of those French settlements that came to the Northwest and finally spread down through the Mississippi Valley. The doings then of the early French traders, missionaries, *coureurs de bois* and explorers are an appropriate part of the subject to be dealt with by Illinois historians. Besides this, there is a romantic charm about the very historical truth of these early occurrences that will create love for all historic information. The names of Cartier, Champlain and others will arouse the enthusiasm and rivet the attention of the historical investigator. The names of Quebec and Montreal, like the name of Florence to an Italian, "will be glorious names among glorious cities." After the famous conference of the Sault Sainte Marie came that famous voyage in 1673 that led to the discovery of the Northern Mississippi river by Marquette and Joliet and five companions; the discovery of the Illinois river on their return and the planting of the first mission station in Illinois by Marquette. Then, the stupendous voyage from Quebec to the Gulf of Mexico by LaSalle, Tonti and others laid open to the world the center and heart of the great country that prior to that time had been neglected, or failed to be visited rather, except by De Soto in the Southland and Marquette in the Northland. With the explorations came the building of forts and the planting of missions. Fort Creve Coeur, near Peoria, and the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, in the present county of LaSalle, were among the earliest white man's monuments that were raised among the tribes upon the Illinois river. Then came the migration of the Kaskaskia Indians from the Northern Illinois river to Southern Illinois and the founding of Cahokia and Kaskaskia. These then were the beginnings of civilization "in the Illinois country," as it was called for more than a hundred years after its discovery. Whilst these settlements grew, others formed around them. And in their midst was planted a great fort, at an expense of a million dollars, which became the seat of French power in America, and from which France dominated the Center of the New World for nearly half a century; until a transfer was made by the treaty of 1763 to the English; after which in 1765 the British flag was planted on the ramparts of old Fort Chartres, to be moved by them to Fort Gage, near Kaskaskia, in 1772 on account of the encroachments of the Mississippi river on the west wall of Fort Chartres. The British power which was destined to be short-lived was conquered by George Rogers Clark in 1778 and the dominion over "the Illinois country" was transferred to Virginia; by Virginia ceded to the United States in 1784; and then the history of "the Illinois country" proceeds through its various stages, as part of the Northwest Territory, part of the Indiana Territory, with Wis-

consin constituting the Illinois Territory, then admitted as a State and its subsequent history, during which it grew from 10,000 to 4,000,000 inhabitants. Of course this later history is easily attainable and obtainable. It consists of public records and documents that are within easy reach of all. But the earlier history consists of fragments that need to be collected in order that their preservation may form some sort of a symmetrical whole. For this reason we feel that special attention should be paid to the collection of maps, manuscripts, old letters and other writings bearing on some important event or shedding light either directly or collaterally on the same. The former capable and vigilant Boards of Trustees, through gifts and purchases secured the great bulk of printed books bearing on the history of this State and the Northeast, and hence it is not as easy to accumulate as in the early stages of the collection, though there are yet many books to be sought after and the present Board has acquired many valuable books as will appear from this report and also the report of our librarian made to us, a duplicate of which is hereto attached and made a part of this report. The former Trustees also procured many valuable maps and other documents, and we have attempted to follow in their footsteps in the worthy examples set before us by them. Hence in the submission of this report we feel that your approval and the approval of our fellow-citizens will be given. We have tried to adopt the most beneficial methods for the Library and the people of the State, and at the same time do so in that economical manner so much desired by the people and which we find to be perfectly consistent with the existence and welfare of the Library.

In view of the important historic facts above hinted at and to secure many minor facts from oblivion we feel warranted in asking the continuance of at least the usual appropriation for this Library, with the addition of a sum of \$500 or \$600 for book cases absolutely necessary for the preservation of books and manuscripts.

HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

In order to show the work accomplished during its existence, we will give a brief review of the Historical Library.

By reference to the laws of 1889, page 199, it will be found that on the 25th day of May, 1889, a bill that had passed the legislature was approved "For an Act to establish the Illinois State Historical Library, and to provide for its care and maintenance, and to make appropriations therefor." The preamble declares that "It is important and desirable that all books, pamphlets and other printed matter, manuscripts, monographs and other writings, illustrative and descriptive of the history of the State, be collected and preserved in some permanent form, before it is too late to rescue from oblivion the memory of its earlier history, and those who founded it, as well as those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days." This depository

of useful information was established more than two hundred years after the first seeds of Christian civilization had been sown in the Mississippi Valley, and seventy years after Illinois had entered upon her Statehood. The north ante-room of the State Library was set apart for the use of this Library under the provisions of the foregoing act, and Governor Joseph W. Fifer appointed Arthur Edwards, of Chicago, Hiram W. Beckwith, of Danville, and Edward F. Leonard, of Peoria, as the first Board of Trustees to have control and management. This Board organized on November 25, 1889, at Springfield, as appears from the record kept, by the election of H. W. Beckwith as President and E. F. Leonard as Secretary. Miss Josephine P. Cleveland was selected as Librarian, "to serve until otherwise ordered," at a salary of \$500 per annum. The act appropriated \$2,500 to carry out its provisions. At this first meeting the Board by resolution respectfully requested the Commissioners of the State Library to transfer to their custody "whatever volumes, pamphlets and manuscripts relating to the history and biography of the State of Illinois are now in the State Library as a foundation for the Historical Library." The December report of 1890 shows that in accordance with this request they had received the custody of some 442 books. These formed the nucleus around which a choice and rare collection of about 4,544 books has been built since then. It appearing at the second meeting, which was held in Chicago on June 18, 1890, that the resignation of E. F. Leonard had been accepted, and William L. Gross, of Springfield, had been appointed to fill the vacancy, "on motion W. L. Gross was elected Secretary." As thus constituted the Board continued and held meetings in Springfield on September 4, 1890, December 2 and 3, 1890, and December 16, 1890, at which last named meeting they made out their report to the Governor, from which it appears that the number of books had increased to 1,450. An oil painting of Judge Sidney Breese, photographs of engravings of Louis XIV, Colbert, Talon and La-Salle and photograph of Margery were secured and placed upon the walls of the room, thus calling attention to those who were in any way connected with our history. Valuable pictures of Grant and Lincoln were also obtained, the one of Lincoln being a cabinet photo of 1858. The legislature in 1891, in making appropriations, departed from the amounts allowed in the former act and gave to the Library, "for the continuation, care and maintenance thereof, the sum of \$1,600 per annum, of which \$600 per annum shall be paid as a salary to the Librarian." Thenceforward the salary of the Librarian has been \$600 per annum, and the expenses of the Librarian have had to be borne by the \$1,000 per annum that remains after taking out salary. After holding meetings on May 22 and 23, 1891, and June 23, 1891, at Springfield, and transacting such business as came before the Board, the terms of all the members expired, and on the 31st day of July, 1891, they were reappointed by Governor Fifer to succeed themselves. At a meeting held in Springfield on the 17th, 18th and 19th days of September, 1891, Mr. Beckwith was selected as Presi-

dent and Mr. Gross as Secretary, on written motion of Dr. Edwards, which had theretofore been received through correspondence. Meetings were held in Springfield on October 27, 1891, and also in Chicago on January 27, 1892, at which meeting, all the members being present for the first time since their appointment, a reorganization was effected by the re-election of Messrs. Beckwith and Gross as President and Secretary respectively, thereby confirming the action taken on September 17, 1891. A meeting at Springfield May 28th, 1892, and one in Chicago August 3-5, 1892, preceded the December meeting, at which the second report was made to the Governor. At the Chicago meeting in August a thorough discussion took place looking to the best means of obtaining a vast fund of unpublished material through Canadian sources, showing the desirability of extending the accumulations in this respect. At the meeting of December 10, 1892, at which the second report was made out, it appears that the number of volumes, pamphlets, maps, etc., had increased to 3,613, exclusive of about 300 portraits and views. Suitable furniture had also been purchased, such as bookcases, tables and chairs. In 1893 the 38th General Assembly, "for the continuance, care and maintenance" of this Library, appropriated \$1,600 per annum (of which \$600 per annum be paid as salary of Librarian), to be expended in the manner contemplated by the act "establishing said Library." (See Laws 1893, page 62.) The last meeting of our predecessors was held in Chicago on the 22nd and 23rd days of August, 1893. Their terms expiring, Governor John P. Altgeld appointed the present Board. Lambert Tree, of Chicago, was selected from the northern, Robert A. Gray, of Blue Mound, from the central, and J. Nick Perrin, of Belleville, from the southern portions of the State.

LIBRARY UNDER PRESENT TRUSTEES.

After our appointment by the Governor we arranged for our first meeting, to which we invited our predecessors, the retiring trustees. President Beckwith and Secretary Gross came to the library at our first meeting and most kindly and courteously welcomed us. We well remember also the eloquent discourse delivered to us by the Governor in his office in behalf of Illinois, its history and its possibilities, on that day, the 22nd of September, 1893, after hearing which we proceeded to organize by the election of Lambert Tree as President, Robert A. Gray as Vice President and J. Nick Perrin as Secretary. The Librarian, Miss Josephine P. Cleveland, was instructed to catalogue the books, and after passing upon several accounts and transacting the business before us we adjourned subject to the call of the President. On November 13, 1893, our second meeting was held, at which we ordered the purchase of some books, passed upon accounts and ordered a circular letter issued calling attention to the Library and its objects, thereby stimulating an interest in its behalf. We also examined the financial status of the appropriation and found the

\$1,000 per annum appropriations for two years still intact outside of the \$600 per annum appropriations for these two years for Librarian's salary. Of the first year's \$600 appropriation, the salaries for July and August had been allowed by the former Board and at this meeting we allowed the salaries for September and October, 1893, so that there remained \$400 of the first year's salary for Librarian, and all of the second year's. This meeting was held at the room of the Library in Springfield. Before our next meeting the catalogue was completed and from it we found that on November 25, 1893, the number of volumes, pamphlets, &c., had grown to 3,975. Since then, of course, this number has grown still further under our management as we will show in another part of this report. Our third meeting was held in Chicago at the residence of Judge Lambert Tree, on the 5th day of January, 1894. At this meeting it appeared that there was filed the correspondence between Judge Tree and Mr. Higginbotham, of the Columbia Exposition, relative to the donation of all documents pertaining to the World's Fair; also that Librarian had placed some volumes not germane to this Library in the State Library to receive others which are germane; and that Librarian was procuring Index and Accession books which have been so much needed for a long time. The Historical Magazines taken by the Library were continued and a correspondence ordered looking toward securing the remainder of the various County Histories not yet obtained. After passing on accounts and ordering some purchases of books we adjourned again, subject to the call of the President. At our fourth meeting held in the Library Room in Springfield on June 28th, 1894, we adopted resolutions of sympathy over the loss by death of Dr. William F. Poole, the late Librarian of the Newberry Library, of Chicago, and sent copies of the same to Mrs. Poole and the Trustees of the Newberry Library. After ordering books and historical magazines and acknowledging donations and passing upon accounts we adjourned. The fifth meeting was held August 4th, 1894, at the office of Judge Tree, No. 70 LaSalle street, Chicago. Finding that the dictionary in the Library had merely been placed there as a loan, it was replaced by another, and the Librarian was ordered to procure the missing volumes of the American State Papers. It was the sense of the Board if the Governor concurred therein that the Librarian might attend the meeting of the National Library Association, so that Illinois might be represented. A number of accounts were passed upon and reports heard from Secretary, after which Board adjourned. Shortly after this meeting a financial report was made out to the Governor showing the condition of our finances. This meeting now, at which this report is adopted, is our sixth since our appointment a year ago last September. At the meeting held in the Library Room in Springfield on the 19th day of November, 1894, the following transpired in substance: A large number of books were ordered purchased, some ordered bound, and some ordered on approbation, as well as also the ordering of some incidentals. We also acknowledged the receipt

of donations from various parties, audited accounts and signed vouchers and ordered minute made of our financial report. On the afternoon of November 20, 1894, we adjourned. On December 15, 1894, we again met for the further consideration of biennial report and other business.

BOOKS BOUGHT BY FORMER TRUSTEES.

Shortly after we came into office we found from the Librarian's catalogue that on November 25, 1893, there were 3,975 books, pamphlets, &c., in the Historical Library. Among this number some very valuable ones procured by the former Board. While it would take a volume to go into detail yet we may be pardoned for enumerating a few of the most important. We found the shelves and cases well stocked with works bearing on the history of Canada and the Northeast; and among them the works of later historians like Shea and Parkman are especially desirable. Of course much of the earlier Canadian historical literature had been obtained. The *Relations* of the Jesuits, the works of Hennepin, Tonti and a number of early explorers were already in the collection and furnished the introduction to the history of the Northwest which followed, culminating finally in Illinois. On the subject of Illinois directly we found as shown by the catalogue 277 volumes and pamphlets. Among them were Breese, Brown, Davidson and Stuve, Dresbach, Edwards, Ford, Gerhardt, Gillespie, Jones, Lusk, Mason, Moses, Peck, Reynolds, Wallace and many others who have shed luster upon themselves and the State by writing its history. The great bulk of the different County histories had also been procured and only a few remained to be secured.

BOOKS, &C., SECURED BY PRESENT BOARD.

We have secured by purchase and donations 1,052 books and pamphlets, the number now in the Library amounting to 4,544. Among the more important books we secured are two volumes of the "Encyclopedia of Biography of Illinois," "Lake St. Louis, Old and New, and Cavallier LaSalle," by Desiré Girouard, "Life and Letters of Lincoln," by Hay and Nicolay, Margry's Works, French's Louisiana and Florida, a number of volumes relating to Chicago, quite a number bearing on the Northwest, the Lake region and the Indian period, and some valuable works on the earliest period of that source that led to our history. Of the lacking County histories we purchased the history of Stephenson County. A manuscript history of Calhoun County was kindly contributed to the Library by Mr. G. B. Child, of that County. As illustrative of early times the "Views of Old Kaskaskia," contributed by Miss Mary Callahan, add materially to the portraiture of the Library. Miss Callahan also contributed "Stories of the Pioneer Mothers of Illinois." J. Nick Perrin contributed "Cartier to Frontenac." And through the kindness of Mrs. E. B. Anderson, of Washington, D. C., we received a contribution of

incalculable benefit in the shape of original muster rolls of Illinois regiments, battalions and companies in the Black Hawk War. Judge Lambert Tree presented two Treasury Certificates of Maryland of 1780 and one of 1788. Bishop Seymour, original manuscript of his oration at laying of corner stone of State Fair Buildings, July 4, 1894. "History of Whiteside County," by Mr. J. W. Alexander; Mr. F. J. Harris and Mr. Samuel J. Doods, of Lena, Ill., Black Hawk pictures and battlefield of Stillman's Defeat; many courtesies and donations from Dr. John George Bourinot, of Canada; many courtesies and donations also from Rev. E. S. Walker, of Springfield, and a host of others as shown by Librarian's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

In our financial statement, made to you some time ago, we showed in detail the various items of expenditure. As a sort of recapitulation, to embrace also the expenditures made since then, we report the following. After allowing some accounts at our first meeting, on September 22, 1893, we found, through information at the Auditor's office, that there were \$22.84 left of the appropriation made by the 37th General Assembly, which amount lapsed at the end of September, 1893. Hence we came in with the appropriation of the 38th General Assembly intact, outside of the Librarian's salary, two months of which had been allowed by the former board. The 38th General Assembly appropriated \$1,600 per annum for the Historical Library, of which \$600 per annum was to be for Librarian's salary. Upon the appropriation thus provided, vouchers have been drawn up to and including this day, whose amounts and purposes aggregate as follows:

Librarian's salary, July, August, 1893 (by former trustees).....	\$100.00
" " months intervening to July 1, 1894.....	500.00
" " July, August, September, October, November, 1894.....	250.00
Books, magazines, pictures, &c.....	347.03
Catalogue and index.....	32.70
Book stand, rubber stamp, &c.....	6.50
Printing.....	3.60
Expenses of Trustee Gray.....	48.96
Incidentals, expressage, freight, cleaning room, postage and other furnishings, and Librarian's expenses to American Library Ass'n.....	196.25
Total.....	\$1,484.84

At the close of the year we will present another financial statement in detail, like the one presented before. Inasmuch as we deem the allowances made in the past amply sufficient, we do not ask for increased amounts in the appropriations, except as heretofore stated, for bookcases.

SUGGESTIONS.

In submitting this report we beg leave, respectfully, to offer a suggestion or two. While realizing that matters are moving along very smoothly, yet the overcrowded condition of the library room

is a source of inconvenience and a hindrance to that ready mode of operation to the student, investigator and visitor which would otherwise exist if a larger and more commodious place were provided.

There are, doubtless, some valuable historical documents, deeds and records in the possession of various officials throughout the state who by law are made the custodians of the same and hence have no right to part with them. If some sort of legislation, constitutional of course, could be devised by which documents of this sort, that are purely of historic value and of none other, could be transferred to the state it would probably "rescue from oblivion" some valuable relics.

Thanking you for your coöperation and extending our thanks to all who have aided and are aiding in the work of developing the history of Illinois, every page of which is replete with interest to her citizens,

We respectfully submit this report.

LAMBERT TREE, *President*,
ROBERT A. GRAY, *Vice-President*,
J. NICK. PERRIN, *Secretary*,

Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Nov. 6, 1894.

To the Trustees, Illinois State Historical Library, Hon. Lambert Tree, President:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit to you my biennial report of this Library:

Fourteen months since, upon assuming your duties as Trustees, September 12th, 1893, I submitted to you a resume of the work, etc., performed by me, in this Library, under the supervision of your predecessors, from its organization, November 25th, 1889, to September 12th, 1893.

There were at that time in the Library:

Books and pamphlets, by purchase and gift.....	3,875
To the close of the year (1893) there were added.....	261
Total volumes and pamphlets to December 30, 1893.....	4,136

LIBRARY AID.

In that report I solicited the following:

- 1st. Seal.
- 2nd. Letter press.
- 3rd. Accession book and index 2 volumes.
- 4th. Pastors or book plates.
- 5th. Stamp (rubber) for accessions.
- 6th. Cards and cases for catalogue.
- 7th. Cases for books.
- 8th. Provision for protection of maps.
- 9th. Newspapers.
- 10th. Stationery.
- 11th. Circulars regarding the Library.
- 12th. Printed postal cards.
- 13th. Scrap books, one folio and one quarto.
- 14th. Provision for protection of pictures.

Most of these were cheerfully granted at that meeting, and they have aided much towards the successful performance of my work. The remainder were left over for future consideration, and I therefore respectfully call your attention to them in this report, with additions. While the necessity of these may not seem so important to the casual observer, still I earnestly urge them at this time.

1st. *A Seal.* Our official papers and books should bear the stamp of the Library.

2nd. *Letter Press.* To preserve copies of important letters for reference.

3rd. *Cards and Cases.* The books have increased in number to justify the use of a card catalogue.

4th. *Pasters.* You have decided that we shall have book-plates. I desire that you choose the device.

5th. *Cases.* The value of the books, their condition, rarity, etc., demand that they shall be preserved from air, heat, dust and unnecessary handling, hence more cases are needed to relieve the already congested ones, and to unload the well filled chairs and tables.

6th. *Maps.* There are quite a number of rare and valuable maps in the Library; some of them are originals, and persons often desire to consult them; the unrolling and rolling is destructive; they should be arranged to exhibit and yet protect, either in folios or on rollers.

7th. *Newspapers.* A generous supply of State newspapers, either daily or weekly, by gift or otherwise, seems a necessity to keep abreast with the history "in any branch pertaining to the State" * * * * "and from the earliest known period of time," as articles often appear in them which perhaps cannot be obtained from any other source. Then, too, we can make history as we proceed.

EXCHANGES.

There are frequent inquiries, from other libraries, and historical societies, "What have you to exchange?" "Please put this library on your mailing list," etc. I am forced to confess that our only legitimate matter for this purpose are our biennial reports (pamphlets), one of six and the other of eight pages; these in exchange for volumes of reports, ranging from two to three hundred pages, with fifty to sixty pages of the annual proceedings of the library or society, the remainder generally valuable articles or historical collections, biographies, etc. I send to such all I can find of interest to them in State publications, as an earnest of my good intentions; these are generally the Governor's messages, addresses and proclamations, etc. While these are well received, we should have more distributing matter at our disposal.

Illinois should have some legislative provision to collect and distribute its valuable statistics, as a "Blue Book" or "Year Book," such as we find in many of the other States.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

I would like to urge again the advisability of a State Historical Society for Illinois.

The late Dr. Wm. F. Poole often suggested to me that one should be formed, but he thought the initial step should be taken *outside* of Chicago, but many in that city would co-operate.

Will you not earnestly look into this subject and favor an early call through the various papers of the State for a meeting, to be held at the State capital, with a view of interesting citizens over the State and, if possible, effect an organization? By thus networking the State with favorable influences, we shall find much material which lies hidden, and thus save from oblivion much valuable history contained in the one hundred and two counties in this State.

Many valuable papers and pictures descriptive of the early times could be obtained which are now mouldering in boxes and trunks stored "away up in the attic," food, right choice food, for moth, rust or fire fiend. All this data should be procured ere it be too late.

The waste of such valuable material for history, which is constantly going on, almost within range of our sight, is deplorable. Not long since I asked a lady, whose father was an early resident of this State, a prominent lawyer and member of the bar of Illinois, and at one time a representative in Congress, what had been done with the many books,

papers, letters, etc., her father must have left at his death. She replied, "I needed the room they took, so I burned over a bushel of letters, and more than three bushels of printed matter." My reply was, "Vandalism, pure and unadulterated, for they were the accumulation of a long and useful life."

This is only *one* of *many* such instances, not only in this city but all over the State. Another reason for urging this society so earnestly is, Judge E. Anthony says, "Remember the pioneers," and I echo it: Remember the pioneers; they bore the burden of the early day; they made history for us; let us collect and preserve it.

LINER-INDEX.

You desired me to make a list of the 3,875 volumes and pamphlets which confronted you at the first meeting of your Board, and desired it, "if possible, prior to its next meeting." I made a liner-index of them and had five type-written copies made, one for each of you, and two to file. The gracious and complimentary letters you *each* wrote to me regarding it was very gratifying. These letters, with the thought it would be of much service to you, amply repaid me for the arduous but pleasant labor upon it, often continuing into the 'wee sma' hours of the morning in order that I might have it ready for the "next meeting" of the Board."

RESOLUTIONS AND TRANSFERS.

A *resolution*, passed September 9th, 1890, between the Commissioners of the State library and the Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, authorized certain volumes and pamphlets *then* in the State Library, on the history of Illinois, to the number of 573, to be transferred as a nucleus to this library. Of this number there were received 442, leaving to be transferred at a later date 131, and which the Secretary of State will soon cause to be done; the delay thus far was unavoidable.

The *resolution* passed by you September 12, 1893, "That all volumes and pamphlets, not special gifts, and not germane to this library, might be transferred to the State Library," was productive of much reciprocal benefit. Of these there have been transferred 383 volumes, most of them duplicates to fill broken sets.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

I am pleased to state that the "circular letter" issued by you has borne many good results. I insert it in this report for the information it contains regarding the provisions of the law establishing this library, also your wishes concerning it. (See Schedule No. 1.)

I have already judiciously distributed these circular letters to about one thousand three hundred and ninety-two (1,392) individuals, societies, etc. Many have responded by bringing or sending books and pamphlets of value.

A. L. A. CONFERENCE.

I have prepared my report to you of the Annual Conference of Librarians.

SPECIAL GIFTS.

A list of "Donations and Donors" is appended to this report, but there are a few of whom I make particular mention for their disinterested courtesy by sending to this library many and valuable gifts of books, pamphlets, pictures, mss., etc., among whom are:

Mrs. E. B. Anderson, widow of the late General Robert Anderson, who sent to the State of Illinois, through Governor Altgeld, the day-book

and original muster rolls, papers, etc., to the number of about one hundred pieces, on the Black Hawk War, thus carrying out the wish of her husband as expressed in his life time. The Governor has placed them in this library for safe keeping.

The heirs of the late Senator David Davis presented to the State of Illinois an excellent marble bust of the Senator, but the position it occupied in the east corridor of the State House made it an easy target of vandalism to relic-hunters, and the Secretary of State, Wm. H. Hinrichsen, has it placed in this library for safety.

Early in this year Judge Lambert Tree presented a picture (framed) of the statue of LaSalle. This statue is in Lincoln Park, Chicago, a gift from Judge Tree.

Senator John M. Palmer has given to this library many valuable books, among them the set of the "War of the Rebellion," which, when finished, will number about one hundred volumes and about two hundred maps of value; also many others of a miscellaneous character.

Hon. Wm. M. Springer has been very thoughtful to send to us other and valuable government documents.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, through the kindness of Hon. Thomas C. MacMillan, and the influence of Wm. Penn Nixon, editor, sent a set of the "Curiosity Shop" and continues the current issues.

Mrs. Francine E. Patton compiled a volume, while a member of the World's Fair Illinois Woman's Board from this district, and presented it after the Fair, entitled "The Statistics of Woman's Work in Illinois, Educational, Charitable and Professional," bound in one-half Morocco.

Miss Mary Callahan, secretary of the World's Fair Illinois Woman's Board, presented a volume beautifully bound in Morocco, entitled "Biographies of Pioneer Mothers and Women of Illinois," also fourteen (14) large size views of Kaskaskia, Illinois, and vicinity in the early time.

These were valuable gifts, placing on record most of the unwritten history of women and her work in many lines. Who shall say that woman has not an influence and not many rights?

Dr. John George Bourinot, C. M. G., Hon. Secretary of the Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa, sent to this library seven (7) of the nine (9) volumes at the disposal of the society (the first two are out of print); also the transactions of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, eighteen (18) volumes. These are annuals, and we receive the current numbers as they are issued. He also sent some of his literary productions, three volumes; these in response to a letter from me, inquiring "from where I could procure" the above reports, thus early showing a vital interest in this library.

Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, bishop of the diocese of Springfield, has sent to us many valuable books and pamphlets on church (Episcopalian) history; also miss., etc.

Rev. E. S. Walker, of this city, many volumes and pictures. He rarely visits the library without some token of his interest.

Through the courtesy of General J. C. Smith, Chicago, L. L. Munn, Freeport, and Gil. Barnard, Chicago, I have received the history and annual proceedings of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders from 1870 to date. *Prior* to this time I must look to *individuals* to send them to the library, as they now are rare and difficult to find.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS.

I have prepared a book in which to insert historical sketches of men and women. There are many interesting reminiscences in it already as a result of my advertising it in some of the papers. I confidently expect

more. These are more interesting from the fact that they are the experiences of those who send them, while the historian often writes from hearsay. Many of these sketches are from aged persons who have spent most of their days in this Prairie State.

Of the other historic treasures in this library, quite an interesting volume might be written. So many rare volumes have already been collected by you (trustees) that it seems as though the supply was surely exhausted. Not so; every catalogue of note, and we receive many, brings to light many more just as important to us, to fill a vacancy, or round out well some subject, to make this the valuable reference library it should be.

I trust the Thirty-ninth General Assembly (1895) will view this in all its important bearings, and will aid by a generous appropriation to further carry out the provisions of the law under which you are working. There are rare Mss., etc. which must be ferreted out, which may take much time and money.

FURNITURE.

The furniture of the library remains about the same as my last report. The Webster's Unabridged Dictionary you purchased, also the rest for it, has been a great convenience. The two accession books and index are my pride, also the scrap books (one folio and one quarto) wherein I can store our historical scraps.

I hope I may include in my next that we have more cases.

WANTS.

There are books, pamphlets and reports of organizations, having an existence in this State, to which I desire to call especial attention, under the caption of "wants," with the hope that those who read this report may respond:

Church History from all denominations.

Municipal Reports, towns and villages, as well as of cities.

Newspapers from each county, at least in Illinois.

Railroads Reports, not only those entirely in Illinois, but of the lines running through or connecting—

Illinois Central, prior to 1870.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, prior to 1885.

Wabash, prior to 1889.

Rock Island, prior to 1889.

Society reports in general—

Ancient Order of United Workmen, history and reports.

Knights of Labor, etc., etc., history and reports.

Knights of Honor, history and reports.

Knights of Pythias reports, prior to 1870.

Masonic reports, prior to 1870.

Odd Fellows reports, prior to 1870.

University, college and school reports.

Many of the above will have to come from individuals, as the corporations have responded from those to which the date is noted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The calls upon my time, by correspondence, have been large, pleasant and quite catholic. It requires much time to conscientiously and courteously reply to letters of as wide a range as comes to this library. Every letter is of interest to the writer, and should receive the attention it deserves. Many of them are for aid in historic research.

Total, 1893 and 1894	664 letters
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There have been replies made and other letters written,	1893.....	463			
" " " " " "	1894.....	520			
Total replies made and other letters written, 1893-94		983			

There have been sent packages containing state printed matter to societies and libraries, etc., over one hundred and fifty in 1893 and 1894.....	150
The circular letter has been sent to individuals, church organizations, libraries, societies, newspapers, bar associations etc., 1893.....	107
The circular letter has been sent to individuals, church organizations, libraries, societies, newspapers, bar associations, etc., 1894.....	1,135
Total pieces sent, 1893-94.....	1,292

RECAPITULATION.

Total letters received in 1893, 1894	664
Total letters written in 1893, 1894	983
Total packages sent in 1893, 1894	150
Total circular letters sent, 1893, 1894	1,392
Books and pamphlets, by purchase and gift, 1893	478
Books and pamphlets, by purchase and gift, 1894	501
Total, 1893-94	1,479
Books and pamphlets, by purchase and gift, prior to 1893	3,658
Books etc., by transfer per resolution, 183, 200	4,837
	283
Total books and pamphlets, by purchase and gift to November 19, 1894	4,454
Books and pamphlets to December 16, 1894	90
Total	4,544

USES OF THE LIBRARY.

You deemed it wise to carry out the plan of your predecessors, to continue this as a reference library only. Many have availed themselves of the privilege of consulting the books—children from the schools as well as adults from colleges—some of the latter obtaining a table where they could come and consult the books and write out the data found, this sometimes for a period of three consecutive months, and for the purpose of writing their thesis for advanced honors in their various Alma Mater.

Many have been the compliments bestowed upon your judicious selection of books, not only by those who sought and found, but by those who visited it *en route*.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I extend my grateful thanks to Hon. John P. Altgeld, Governor; Hon. Wm. H. Hinrichsen, Secretary of State; the late Hon. Rufus N. Ramsay, Treasurer of Illinois, and to Colonel Wm. F. Dose, for kindnesses and encouragement received and appreciated; also to Miss S. T. Hinrichsen, Assistant State Librarian, who has aided me very much by her ever courteous and considerate deportment, for, while our aims and objects are similar, "the greatest good to the largest number," still, our avenues are separated, not only by a threshold, but by the law.

To you, my respected trustees, for especial encouragement in the performance of my many and varied duties, your ever courteous, patient and helpful demeanor to me at all times, I am grateful.

Whatever I have accomplished in this library which is commendable, has been through your hearty coöperation as friends, as well as trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND.

Librarian.

SCHEDULE NO. I.

LAMBERT TREE, *Pres.*, Chicago, { *Trustees Illinois State*
 R. A. GRAY, *V.-Pres.*, Blue Mound, { *Historical Library.*
 J. N. PERRIN, *Sec.*, Belleville,

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 13, 1893.

Circular Letter.

The undersigned Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library beg leave to invite your attention to the provisions of the law establishing this Library, and to earnestly solicit your valuable coöperation in aiding them to advance the objects which the law endeavors to secure.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LAW OF 1889—PREAMBLE.

“WHEREAS, It is important and desirable that all books, pamphlets and other printed matter, manuscripts, monographs and other writings, illustrative and descriptive of the history of the State, be collected and preserved in some permanent form before it is too late to rescue from oblivion the memory of its earlier history, and those who founded it, as well as those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days.”

SEC. 4. “The trustees shall have power * * * to procure, from time to time, as may be possible and practicable at reasonable cost, all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, monographs, writings and other material of historical interest and useful to the historian, bearing upon the political, physical, religious or social history of the State of Illinois from the earliest known period of time.”

We feel assured that no argument is required to show the importance of securing and preserving every book, document, letter or paper which tends to illustrate the history of our great State, so that it may be accessible to the present and future student.

The Trustees will gratefully acknowledge all assistance which may be rendered to them in this behalf.

LAMBERT TREE, *President*,
 R. A. GRAY, *Vice President*,
 J. N. PERRIN, *Secretary*,
 Address Josephine P. Cleveland, Librarian, Springfield Ill.

SCHEDULE NO. II.

DONATIONS AND DONORS.

Appended as Schedule No. II, is a list of gifts for which grateful acknowledgment was made at the time they were received. This list includes those previously referred to under the head of “Special Gifts.” (See report of librarian, from December, 1892, to December, 1894.)

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.		
		Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Miscellaneous.
Adams, Franklin G.	Topeka, Kan.	2		
Adams, Herbert B.	Baltimore, Md.	1		
Ahern, Miss M. E.	Indianapolis, Ind.	1	4	
Alexander, J. W.	Chicago, Ill.	1		
Allen, Charles Dexter	Hartford, Conn.	1		
Altgeld, John P.	Chicago, Ill.	2		
Ambler, J. C.			69	
American Historical Association	Washington, D. C.			
American Monthly Magazine				Subscription
American Museum Natural History				Three numbers
Anderson, T. B.	Darwin, Ill.			One picture
Augustana Book Concern	Chicago, Ill.			
Baldwin, H. E., editor Joliet News	Joliet, Ill.			Subscription
Ballance, C.	Peoria, Ill.	1		
Barnard, Gil. (See J. C. Smith)				
Barnum, George G.	Buffalo, N. Y.	2	1	
Bartlett, Dr. E. P.	Springfield, Ill.	1	3	
Bartlett, W. P.	Madison, Wis.	4	1	
Barton, E. L. D.	Worcester, Mass.	1		
Bartram, Mrs. Geo. T.	Springfield, Ill.		1	
Bateman, Dr. Newton	Galesburg, Ill.		2	
Barrett, Jay Amos	Lincoln, Neb.		1	
Beath, R. B.	Philadelphia, Pa.	2		
Bee Keepers' Ass. (See J. M. Hambaugh)				
Bennett, J. F.	Alma, Mich.			Manuscript
Bennett, J. L.	Chicago, Ill.		2	
Bent, Charles	Morrison, Ill.	1		
Bent, Samuel Arthur	Boston, Mass.		1	
Beveridge, James L.	Chicago, Ill.		1	
Blackburn University. (See Rev. Jas. E. Rogers)				
Blaisdal, E. W.	Carlinville, Ill.			
Blanchard, Rufus	Rockford, Ill.	1		
Bond, S. C.	Chicago, Ill.	1		
Bonham, Jeriah	St. Louis, Mo.	1		
Boston Herald	Springfield, Ill.	1		Papers
Bostonian Society. (See Sam'l A. Bent)	Boston, Mass.			Papers
Bourinot, John Geo.	Ottawa, Canada	8		
Bowker, R. R.	New York, N. Y.			Magazines and advtg.
Braddish, Walter	Springfield, Ill.	1		
Bradford, J. C.	Chicago, Ill.		1	
Bradford, Sarah McClaughry	Peotone, Ill.		1	
Bradley, Isaac	Madison, Wis.	1		
Bradley, J. E.	Jacksonville, Ill.		2	
Bradwell, James B.	Chicago, Ill.	1	1	
Brown, H. A.	Dixon, Ill.			One picture
Bruce, Phillip A.	Richmond, Md.		1	
Brynmner, Douglas	Ottawa, Canada	1		
Buffalo Historical Society. (See Geo. G. Barnum)				
Buffalo Public Library. (See J. N. Larned)	Buffalo, N. Y.			
Bullard, S. A.	Buffalo, N. Y.			
Bureau of Education	Springfield, Ill.	2		
Burgess, Bishop Alexander	Washington, D. C.	8	8	
Burnham, J. H.	Quincy, Ill.		2	
Callahan, Ethelbert	Bloomington, Ill.		2	
Callahan, Miss Mary	Robinson, Ill.		2	
Carnahan, James R.		4		Fourteen pictures
Chase, Rev. March	Indianapolis, Ind.		1	
Chicago Citizens' Association. (See J. C. Ambler)	Mineral Point, Wis.	14	13	
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.	Chicago, Ill.			
Chicago Herald			3	
Chicago Inter Ocean. (See Wm. Penn Nixon)				World's Fair vi'ws, 1 set
Clark A. Howard		13		World's Fair vi'ws, 1 set
Clarke, Robert & Co.	Washington, D. C.	3		
Clendinin, T. C.	Cincinnati, O.	8		
Cleveland, Josephine P.	Cairo, Ill.	2		
Conden, W. H.	Springfield, Ill.	20	15	Four pictures
Connecticut Historical Society. (See F. B. Gay)	Chicago, Ill.		1	
Converse, Harriet Maxwell	Hartford, Conn.		1	
Cook, John W.	Leua, Ill.		1	
	Normal, Ill.		1	

Donations and Donors—Continued.

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.	
		Volumes.	Pamphlets Miscellaneous
Coulter, John M.	Lake Forest, Ill.	1	3
Creighton, Mrs.	Des Moines, Ill.	1	1
Culp, E. C.	Chicago, Ill.	1	Manuscript
Davis, Dr. N. S.	Greencastle, Ind.	1	5
De Pauw University.	Albany, N. Y.	1	1
Dewey, Melvil	New Haven, Conn.	5	1
Dexter, F. C.	Chicago, Ill.	1	1
Diocese of Illinois, Secretary of.		1	1
Diocese of Springfield. (See Bishop Seymour).			
Diocese of Quincy. (See Bishop Burgess).			
Dodds, Samuel J.	Lena, Ill.	1	1
Doggett, Samuel B.	Boston, Mass.	1	1
Donaldson, S. J.	Chicago, Ill.	1	Art portfolio
DuBois, Alexander	Springfield, Ill.	1	1
DuBois, Fred T.	Blackfoot, Id.	1	1
DuBois, Lincoln	Springfield, Ill.	1	Manuscript
Dunlap, Henry M.	Jacksonville, Ill.	1	1
Dunn, J. P., Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	1	1
Dyer, John		1	1
Eddy, Henry T.	Terre Haute, Ind.	1	1
Ehrlich, F.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1	1
Engineers' and Surveyors' Society. (See S. A. Bullard).			
Everhard, M. D.	Chicago, Ill.	2	1
Fifer, Joseph W.	Bloomington, Ill.	1	1
Finley, J. H.	Galena, Ill.	1	1
Fleury, Dr. Frank	Springfield, Ill.	9	1
Flint, Weston	Washington, D. C.	2	1
Franklin College.	Franklin, Ind.	3	1
Gardiner, Charles D.	Middle Grove, N. Y.	3	Newspaper
Gardiner, Miss Juliet		3	1 picture and Hist. articles
Gay, Frank B.	Hartford, Conn.	2	1
Greely, A. W.	Washington, D. C.	1	1
Goodspeed, T. W.	Chicago, Ill.	2	1
Government Documents	Washington, D. C.	40	60 Maps 26.
Graham, A. A.	Columbus, O.	1	1
Gray, Robert A.	Blue Mound, Ill.	1	1
Green, C. R.	Osage City, Kan.	1	5
Gross, W. L.	Springfield, Ill.	4	1
Hall & Herrick	Springfield, Ill.	1	1
Hambaugh, J. M.		1	1
Hammond, A. C.	Warsaw, Ill.	1	1
Handy, M. P.	Chicago, Ill.	1	2 pictures and printed matter
Hanson, A. H.	Chicago, Ill.	2	1
Harris, J. F.	Lena, Ill.	1	1 picture
Harris, T. J.	Washington, D. C.	3	1
Hellman, Rev. Lee M.	Chicago, Ill.	1	1
Hennighausen, T.	Baltimore, Md.	5	1
Holbrook, Edmund S.	Chicago, Ill.	2	1
Holmes, Dr. Bayard		2	1
Holmes, Dr. R. W.		1	Sub. Corpse
Hostetter, W. R.		1	1
Houghton, Millin & Co.		1	1
Howe, D. W.	Indianapolis, Ind.	1	1
Howe, Henry.	Columbus, O.	1	1 picture
Illinois College. (See J. E. Bradley).	Jacksonville, Ill.	1	1
Ill. State Board of Health. (See Dr. Scott).	Springfield, Ill.	1	1
Ill. State Board of Pharmacy. (See Dr. Fleury).		1	1
Ill. State Hort. Soc'y. (See H. M. Dunlap).		1	1
Ill. State Industrial School. (See Mrs. M. R. M. Wallace).	Chicago, Ill.	1	1

Donations and Donors—Continued.

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.		
		Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Miscellaneous.
Ill. State Journal Co	Springfield, Ill.	1		
Ill. State Library		2	11	
Ill. State Medical Soc'y, (Army and Navy.) (See Dr. E. P. Bartlett)				
Ill. State University	Urbana, Ill.		4	
Indiana Historical Soc'y. (See D. W. Howe)				
Indiana State Library. (See Miss Ahern)	Indianapolis, Ind.			
Iowa Historical Soc'y	Iowa City, Iowa.		1	
Iowa State Library. (See Mrs. M. H. Miller)	Des Moines, Iowa.	2	2	
Jackson, M.	Salem, Ill.			1 picture.
Joliet News. (See H. E. Baldwin)	Joliet, Ill.			
Jones, J. T.			1	
Kansas Historical Soc'y. (See F. G. Adams)	Topeka, Kan.			
Kansas State Library			2	
Keiso, Tessa L.	Los Angeles, Cal.		2	
Kendrick, Rev. A. A.	Upper Alton, Ill.		2	
Kohlsaat, H. H.	Chicago, Ill.			World's Fair Views.
Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Soc'y, 1861-5.	Springfield, Ill.	1		Ms. Volume
Lake Forest University. (See J. M. Coulter)	Lake Forest, Ill.			
Lannan, P. H.	Salt Lake City, Utah.		1	
Larned, J. N.	Buffalo, N. Y.			Package Bulletins.
Latham, Mrs. R. B.	Lincoln, Ill.	1		
Leflingwell, Rev. C. W.	Chicago, Ill.			Advertising & papers.
Library Bureau.				
Library Bureau. (See R. R. Bowker).	New York City, N. Y.			
Literary and Historical Soc'y of Can. (See J. G. Bourinot)	Quebec, Can.			
Literary Light Magazine, Ed.				Few numbers
Littlefield, Chas. E.	Rockland, Me.		1	
Living Church. (See Rev. C. W. Leflingwell)	Chicago, Ill.			
Lockwood, Mrs. Mary S.	Washington, D. C.			Sub. Magazine
Logan, Mrs. John A.			6	
Lombard University	Galesburg, Ill.		1	And papers.
Luecke, Rev. M.	Springfield, Ill.		3	
McClaghry, R. W.	Pontiac, Ill.		1	
McHenry, Dr. Geo. M.	Carmi, Ill.		1	
Maclean, L. O.	Urbana, Ill.	1		Subscription
Madison University. (See W. P. Bartlett)				
Mann, Edward E.	Madison, Wis.			
Maryland Soc'y for History of the Germans. (See F. Hennighausen)	Chicago, Ill.		1	
Michael, W. H.	Baltimore, Md.			
Michigan State Library. (See Mrs. Spencer)	Washington, D. C.	1		
Miller, Mrs. Flo. J., Edr.	Lansing, Mich.			
Miller, James R.	Monticello, Ill.			Sub. "The Picket"
Miller, Mrs. Mary H.			1	
Milwaukee Public Library	Des Moines, Iowa.	2	1	
Milwaukee Public Museum. (See H. Neherling)	Milwaukee, Wis.		1	
Minnesota Historical Soc'y. (See J. Fletcher Williams)				
Minnesota State Library	St. Paul, Minn.		1	
Missouri Historical Soc'y	St. Louis, Mo.	1	1	
Motgomery, J. Mortimer	New York, N. Y.	2	1	
Montgomery, Dr. J. T.	Charleston, Ill.	1		
Moses, John	Chicago, Ill.		3	
Munn, L. L.	Freeport, Ill.	4		
Murray, Geo.		1		
National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. (See John Trimble)	Washington, D., C.			

Donations and Donors—Continued.

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.		
		Volume.	Pamphlets	Miscellaneous.
Nebraska State Hist. Soc'y. (See J. A. Barrett)	Lincoln, Neb.			
Necherling, Henry	Milwaukee, Wis.	1	1	
Nelson, Thomas			1	
Nelson, William		1		
Newell, M. L.	Springfield, Ill.	1		
Newlin, W. H.		1	1	
Niehaus, John M.	Peoria, Ill.	1		
Nixon, Wm. Penn.	Chicago, Ill.	13		
North, Mrs. A. A.	Springfield, Ill.	3	10	
Normal University. (See John W. Cook)	Normal, Ill.			
Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society. (See A. A. Graham)	Columbus, O.			
Palmer, John M.	Springfield, Ill.	46		Map 23
Palmer, T. W.	Detroit, Mich.			World's Fair printed matter
Parish Mirror (Episcopalian). (See Rev. J. Rockroth)	Belleville, Ill.			
Patton, Mrs. Francine E.	Springfield, Ill.	1		
Pennsylvania German Society	Philadelphia, Pa.	1		
Peoria Public Library. (See E. S. Willcox)	Peoria, Ill.			
Perrin, J. N.	Belleville, Ill.	1	4	Papers
Peterson, Marcus			1	
Pillsbury, W. L.	Champaign, Ill.		3	
Pierce, Fred	Chicago, Ill.	1		
Post, Edwin	Chicago, Ill.	2	1	
Poole, Wm. F.	Chicago, Ill.	1	1	Curio 1.
Pullman, Geo. M.	Springfield, Ill.		5	
Raab, Henry				
Rantoul, Parish Messenger. (See J. C. White)	Charleston, Ill.			Advertising
Rardin, J. K., editor	Madison, Wis.		1	
Reilly, E. F.	Peoria, Ill.	3		
Rice, J. M.	Carlinville, Ill.		3	
Rogers, Rev. Jas. E.	Belleville, Ill.			Subscription
Rockroth, Rev. J.	Terre Haute, Ind.		5	
Rose Polytechnic Institute	Rogers Park, Ill.			Sub. Rogers Park News
Rounds, editor				
Royal Society of Canada. (See J. G. Bourinot)	Ottawa, Canada			
Sanders, Mrs. Sue A. P.	Bloomington, Ill.	1		
Sangamon County Exposition Club	Springfield, Ill.	1		Manuscript book
Scott, Dr.		3		
Seymour, Bishop Geo. F.		8	7	
Shurtleff College. (See Rev. A. A. Hendrick)	Upper Alton, Ill.			
Shutt, Mrs. Wm. E.	Springfield, Ill.	1		
Simons, Joseph	San Francisco, Cal.		1	
Smith, Mrs. G. C.	Springfield, Ill.		1	
Smith, J. C.	Chicago, Ill.	9	2	
Snyder, J. F.	Virginia, Ill.		3	
Spaulding, Rev. C. H.	Boston, Mass.		1	
Spencer, Mrs. Mary E.	Lansing, Mich.	3	9	
Springer, Wm. M.	Springfield, Ill.	157		Government documents
Standford, Leland Jr., University State Publications	Palo Alto, Cal.	2	2	
Stephenson, Miss Mary H.		9		
Thayer, Mrs. Elizabeth D.	Petersburg, Ill.	1		
Thompson, Leonard	Springfield, Ill.			Papers
Thompson, Rebecca J.	Woburn, Mass.	1		
Thompson, Richard W.	Bloomington, Ind.		2	
Thompson, W. C.		2	2	
Thurston, John H.	Bloomington, Ind.	1		
Thwaites, Renben G.	St. Paul, Minn.	1		
Trimble, John	Madison, Wis.	1	4	
Unknown	Washington, D. C.	22	11	
Vail, Chas. D.		12	32	
Vandercook, John L.	Geneva, N. Y.	1	1	
Walker, Rev. E. S.	Chicago, Ill.	3	7	
	Springfield, Ill.	10	13	Manuscript and papers

Deceased

Donations and Donors—Concluded.

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.		
		Volumes.	Pamphlets	Miscellaneous.
Wallace, Mrs. M. R. M.	Chicago, Ill.	1	4	
Webb, W. Seward	New York, N. Y.	3		
Webber, Mrs. J. H.	Stafford, N. Y.			Historic paper
Welch, Mrs. George S.	Bushnell, Ill.	1		
Wells, Rev. Albert E.	Traverse, City		30	Files of Living Church
Wesleyan University	Bloomington, Ill.		2	
White, Rev. J. C.	Springfield, Ill	1	7	Files, papers
Willcox, E. S.	Peoria, Ill.		3	
Williams, J. Fletcher	St. Paul, Minn	1	1	
Winston, Rev. Dr. Wm. C.	Boston, Mass.	1		
Wisconsin Historical Society. (See R. G. Thwaites).				
Woodruff, Etta.	Madison, Wis.	1		
Total		566	484	
Total volumes and pamphlets				1,050

SCHEDULE III.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Volumes and Pamphlets Received.				
To December 12, 1890.....	1,450		First Report	1,450
" 30, 1890.....	27	1,477		
Total to December 30, 1890.....	1,477			
To December 30, 1891.....	1,108	1,108		
" 16, 1892.....	1,028		Second Report	3,613
" 30, 1892.....	45	1,073		
Total to December 30, 1892.....	3,658			
To September 12, 1893.....	217			
To December 30, 1893.....	261	478		
Total to December 30, 1893.....	4,136			
To November 19, 1894.....	701	701		
Total to November 19, 1894.....	4,837			
By Transfer 183 - 300.....	383			
	4,454			
To December 16, 1894.....	90			
Total to December 16, 1894.....	4,544		Third Report.....	1,511

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ILLINOIS STATE

HISTORICAL LIBRARY.

FOURTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES.

DECEMBER 17, 1896.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
PHILLIPS BROS., STATE PRINTERS.
1897.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY.

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JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND, 215 West Monroe St., Springfield, Illinois.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To His Excellency, JOHN P. ALTGELD, Governor of Illinois.

SIR:—There seems to be two leading defects in the present condition and affairs of the library. These consist in, first, a lack of space for the increasing number of volumes being donated to, and purchased for the library; and, second, an insufficiency of funds to purchase the desirable books, pamphlets, manuscripts, etc., which the law instructs the Board, from time to time to procure. There is also a lack of room to accommodate persons desiring to make use of the library for purposes of writing, making memoranda, etc. In connection with this we would suggest that if the adjoining senate judiciary room were added to the present quarters it would give to the library ample accommodation for the accumulation of volumes manuscripts, etc., besides furnishing us with a commodious reading and writing room.

The present library appropriation is very inadequate to meet the demands which it was created to supply. The annual appropriation was originally \$2,500.00 but it has been contracted until it is now but \$1,000.00. The law instructs us to procure "all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, monograms, writings, and other material of interest, and useful to the historian, bearing upon the political, physical, religious or social history of Illinois, from the earliest known period of time." The salary of the librarian is but a meagre one, and the financial affairs of the library have been economically administered. But when the salaries of employes have been paid, and other necessary expenses, coming under the head of "maintenance and care," "sundries," etc., it may be readily seen that little money remains for the purchase of books, etc., and the glaring inadequacy of our \$1,000.00 per annum appropriation will appear in bold relief. We urgently recommend the restoration of the appropriation to its original amount of \$2,500.00.

We desire to call the attention of the people of the state to the great importance and propriety of organizing a State Historical Society. Almost all of the prominent states boast of institutions of this nature, and old Illinois, with her proud history losing itself in the dim mist of the myths and legends of her aboriginal savages, should unquestionably have a State Historical Society. It would materially aid this Board of Trustees in obtaining and preserving old documents, records and other material shedding light upon the infancy of our now great and populous commonwealth.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

Upon the appropriation of the last General Assembly, vouchers have been drawn, up to and including this day, for the following purposes and amounts:

Books, magazines, pictures, etc.....	\$667 68
Book cases	94 25
Expenses of Trustee R. A. Gray	82 00
Incidentals.....	130 80
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There have been added, during the last biennial period, 1,712 volumes and pamphlets, which, added to the number previously on hand, 4,544, aggregates a total of 6,256.

For further particulars see Librarian's report.

Thanking you for your co-operation, and extending thanks to those who have kindly donated to the library, we refer you to the report of our librarian Miss Josephine P. Cleveland who has been untiring in her efforts to make the library what it should be. We are under great obligations to her for the help she has rendered in hunting up and selecting desirable books, pamphlets and manuscripts.

We respectfully submit this report.

LAMBERT TREE, *President,*
R. A. GRAY, *Vice President,*
W. H. SNYDER, *Secretary,*

Trustees.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 16, 1896.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

SPRINGFIELD, December 17, 1896.

To the Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith transmit to you, through Hon. Robert A. Gray, acting President, in the absence (in Europe) of our esteemed President, Judge Lambert Tree, my fourth biennial report.

The past two years have rolled quickly around and brought more satisfactory results than any of the previous years. The library machinery is wearing off its newness and runs smoother, still I find it needs constant care and attention to keep up all of its requirements. "It is line upon line, line upon line, here a little" and there a good deal.

BOOKS.

The trustees at the organization selected the period from LaSalle's discoveries to the present, to build. Occasionally, to be sure, some book or books were purchased in order to secure them, but this was in keeping with the spirit as well as the letter of the law, "from the earliest period of time known" (see Schedule I), and they selected well.

This lead you followed, to continue the substantial foundation during the years of the third biennial period, after which, you recognized the LaSalle period as a pivotal point, and collected 'fore and aft.

It is said that "to the making of books there is no end," but to select from these judiciously, has been your duty, and one so well performed that many have been the words of praise regarding the collections in the State Historical Library; so well meant and deserving have these been, that many have sought its advantages, not only from the near vicinity, but from cities over the State, and even where there are other and larger library collections.

Gentlemen have come here for two or three weeks at a time, on expense, to consult them, and often there have been parties of six or more students from the universities, for days and weeks, even from Chicago, where library collections are purchased from an income of hundreds of thousands of dollars, while this library has only a very limited annual stipend.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The annual appropriation, \$1,000, is quite inadequate to the present need. Many books are now on the market which are so costly as to be beyond your reach, and it has obliged you to make haste slowly in obtaining this valuable history, and there are so many books we should have to round out well the various branches pertaining to Illinois.

By careful research books are often found, but so rare and scarce that the price is too high for our annual income, and you should be in a position to purchase at once, when found, else they may be lost to you, being secured by some of the more fortunate libraries of vast incomes now organizing.

Our appropriation is not only to be used to purchase books, but it is to provide for the "care and maintenance of the library," (see Schedule I), inci-

dentials, such as cases, furniture, binding, postage, expressage, freight, occasional janitor service, and the smaller items included under sundries, all to be within \$1,000 per annum, requiring much rigid economy.

The great State of Illinois surely should place her libraries above want, by sufficient appropriations—"to collect and preserve her history" (see Schedule I), yes, her valuable pioneer history; this is a large and almost unexplored field, and one seemingly now locked beyond human ingenuity to open and bring to view. "Remember the Pioneers."

I most respectfully ask that you urge in your report to the Governor a larger appropriation, or at least restoring it to its original amount of \$2,500 per annum.

INADEQUATE ROOM.

The law further stipulates that we shall have the use of this "north ante-room of the State Library rooms forever for the use of the Historical Library." (See Schedule I.)

When the law was passed organizing this library, 1889, this room seemed ample, and so it was for the first few hundred books, but we have at the present time 6,256 volumes,—biennial increase for 1894-6 of 1,712. These, with the furniture, cases, etc., make the room so crowded that there is too little room for those who visit to consult the books, and they must have more room and quiet to successfully study them. The additional room will facilitate not only the perusal, but aid in looking up references for the members of the General Assembly. The library, to be of great convenience to them, should be on the same corridor.

There seems now only one way to relieve this congestion, and this is to solicit the use of the Senate Judiciary Committee room, which is contiguous to this, during the interim of sessions of the legislature, and this room can be made to communicate easily with this, by the insertion of a door, and thus can be secured a large consulting room, to be surrendered during the sitting of the General Assembly; this seeming inconvenience can be easily endured for such a limited period; hence, I also ask that you will endeavor to have this accomplished by a resolution passed by the legislature.

STATE AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

There is quite a marked difference in the *modus operandi* of a public and state library. In the former, the environments are circumscribed and the requisitions are almost a known duty, while those of the latter (state) are more catholic, and often require much correspondence, at least a written reply, while it does not always have books to give out. If purely a reference library like this, the duties are greatly increased by the demands upon the librarian's time in not only finding the books, but in hunting up the references, or replying to the queries when found.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With the growth of the library there is an increased correspondence, which of itself consumes much time just to carefully answer the letters received, not counting the ordinary routine of business. Then, too, there are gifts of books, etc., exchanges of reports from other libraries, historical societies, associations, etc., which need courteous acknowledgments, not as a perfunctory duty, but as a pleasure, after reading the same, and often noting in the letter the salient points, for these represent much of the life of the librarian and should receive proper recognition.

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Librarians and trustees from different cities in the State met in this city last January, and after an interchange of library curriculum, formulated a constitution and by-laws, and upon these organized a State Library Association for

mutual benefit, to bring us in touch with each other in our work. The annual meeting to be held in January. I entered it in the name of the library, so it should always receive the benefit.

At a meeting recently held in Chicago, it was deemed advisable to add another section to the existing library law, with the aid of the General Assembly, for a Library Commission (see Schedule VII), to serve without remuneration, and to agitate continually and effectively the library work. This, with the benefit derived from articles in the *Library Journal* and *Public Libraries*, will aid much in producing the "greatest good to the largest number."

REPORTS.

The last biennial reports were sent out as judiciously as possible to individuals and organizations having life within the limits of Illinois, yes, and elsewhere, with the view to enlist assistance in collecting the history desired, and the results have been very gratifying. The expressions of commendation received for a duty performed have added many rays of sunshine, none the least of these have been from you, for which I thank you.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS.

A wider range in the historical collections has been entered upon, and as the library becomes better known reports of reunions of various kinds, individual biographies, etc., either bound or in MS. are received. This extended interest by the public is very encouraging, as it aids in making history, and becomes a connecting link between the early and later period.

Portraits of many of the early settlers of later years, beautifully framed, have been received.

Curios, explanatory of our printed history, some of them of rare value, others of a crude sort, Indian implements of industry and warfare, too numerous to individualize in this report. I may be permitted, however, to mention some of them without being considered partial.

A cane, whose history runs back in Illinois to 1841, a gift to Mr. Archer Gray Herndon, from Hon. Samuel McRoberts, first native-born United States Senator from Illinois, who cut the stick at Mt. Vernon and had it especially mounted for Mr. Herndon, which was inherited by his son, Elliott B. Herndon, and presented to the library by his widow, Mrs. E. B. Herndon.

Life-size portrait, framed, of Simeon Francis, a life-long friend of Mr. Lincoln, and organizer of the *Illinois State Journal*, presented by Mrs. Harriet Rumsey Taylor.

Life-size portrait, framed, of the late Mrs. Myra Bradwell, the first woman lawyer in Illinois, and editor of the *Chicago Legal News*, presented by her husband, Judge James B. Bradwell.

Thirty-eight photographic views of Kaskaskia and vicinity, taken and presented by W. G. Eggleston, M. D.

The "Piasa," framed picture, from a description by one of the pioneers of this State, Col. J. Miles, who as a young boy used often to see it; designed by Jerome Copley, drawn by E. A. Woelke, Jr.; presented by Hon. J. N. Perrin, Lebanon, Ill.

Regimental Returns of the 8th Regt., Ill. Militia, 1829; also Rank Roll of the same, Nathaniel Buckmaster, Colonel commanding, 1828; presented by Mrs. A. M. Bradford, city.

Indian bow and arrow, with chief, now citizen Highnoeker, successor to Nawkaw, chief of the Winnebagoes, who resides near Green Bay; purchased from him by Mr. Robert G. Walker, and presented by Rev. E. S. Walker, city.

The Mt. Carroll Courier, Gazette and Herald, from 1851 to 1894, saved and presented by Judge James Shaw of Mt. Carroll.

An edition of the Joliet News, on white silk, edited and presented by the ladies of Joliet, through the courtesy of Senator Munroe, of Will county.

Chicago Municipal Reports, etc., prior to the "Great Fire," 1872, and which are now very rare, presented by D. G. Avery, Chicago.

Diplomas and medals from the World's Columbian Exposition, trophies of the State of Illinois, sent to the library through the courtesy of Governor Altgeld.

These, with many MSS., etc., are enlarging the collection quite materially, and for many of them there should be a glass case to protect them properly from the dust and dampness, and yet exhibit them, and I trust you will have such a case in the near future.

BINDING.

There are many books of value which have only paper covers, and should have a more substantial binding; many of them, collected after much research in foreign countries, relating to America, especially to Illinois and the Mississippi Valley, from the early time. I also ask that you will solicit such legislation in the annual appropriation which will enable you to cover this large out-go, for there are many of them.

CASES.

There have been purchased since my last report fourteen new cases, placed in position, and are now almost entirely filled; besides these there have been added stack shelves on top of them, and they are filled; soon there will be more stacks into which will be placed the books now on tables and chairs awaiting a local habitation. The case you permitted me to order for the valuable folio volumes we have, will soon be in position and will be a very substantial one, large enough to hold most of these we already have, and is made so that it can be consulted without lifting the heavy volumes to another place, with conveniences to enable the student to make notes while perusing. There will be shelves above for smaller books of value, all enclosed with glass doors, and a substantial lock to insure against undue handling.

One very rare set of these volumes to go in it, was found in London, and there are only a limited number extant, "McKenney's Gallery of Indians," folio, with hand painted pictures of them in their court dress.

RUDOLPH INDEXER.

Last, but not least, of our conveniences is the Rudolph Indexer. It is a great improvement upon the card and drawer system. When it was received I had about 5,000 titles to prepare, catalogue and enter, and I hope soon to have it up to date, but with my routine duties I find it slow work, although you have been so thoughtful as to permit me to have assistance in preparing many of them. While there is not enough work in this library to justify a regular assistant, still, there are times when, with an accumulated amount of work, a little temporary help is an absolute necessity, and you have always upheld me in procuring it.

I am glad to affirm that the Governor, and you, his Trustees, have voiced a growing zeal in the library work, by retaining me as librarian, despite political differences, thus enabling me to build more satisfactorily, and carry on more successfully, the plans I formulated early after my appointment, at the organization of the library in 1889. While I do not wish to convey the idea that I am better fitted to perform these duties, still our gifts vary, and it is better to follow out the same trend of thought if it be a good one.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

We have been and are yet the recipients of government documents from our Senators, Hon. Shelby M. Cullom and Gen. John M. Palmer, and Representatives in Congress, Major James A. Connolly and Judge William M. Springer (during his term); also from Dr. T. D. Harris, Superintendent of Instruction, and F. A. Crandall, Superintendent of Documents. Their interest in this library has never waned. They have also aided me much in filling broken sets of government documents, without which it would have been not only a difficult but expensive task. And our thanks are certainly due these gentlemen, even though, by citizenship, this is their library.

STATE REPORTS.

The state officials have been very courteous and particular to deposit their annual and biennial reports here. The library was organized rather late to procure all of the early publications, and I shall have to depend upon persons throughout the State to contribute these, for which I shall not only be very grateful, but will courteously acknowledge them and enter their names upon my list of donors. (See Schedule V.)

CHURCH, SOCIETY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

There has been a great increase in the interest taken by the various state organizations, which is evinced by receiving from ministers, clerks and secretaries, their annual reports.

Many of the railroads, which pass through, or only run a short distance into the State, send in annually their annual reports and history.

CIRCULAR LETTER OF TRUSTEES.

The Circular Letter No. 1 (see Schedule II), prepared by you early in your administration, I incorporate here, for it has awakened such an interest in, and desire to promote the welfare of, this library, by sending in that which you therein sought.

NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, ETC.

The press of Illinois has been very thoughtful to note the improvements and history of the library, and I bespeak the continuance of this courtesy. I have found the editors ever ready and willing to print notices of "Wants," etc., to which are added their words of encouragement, not only to me, but to the public. I wish I could note a large number of gratuitous subscriptions, for these make very reliable and valuable history.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Circular Letter No. 2 (see Schedule III), which you prepared to send to the "old" soldier, who served in the Civil War, will unearth much history, and the interest you take in them, and the service they performed under President Lincoln and General Grant in preserving to us a country which the patriots of the Revolution created under that inimitable leader, General Washington, will surely be productive of mutual benefit.

CONCLUSION.

There have been many who have rendered material aid to this library in various ways to whom I wish to express my appreciation in this report.

My thanks are especially due to Hon. John P. Altgeld, Governor, and Col. William Dose, his Private Secretary, for their uniform thoughtfulness and encouragement in the performance of my duties.

To Hon. Wm. H. Hinrichsen, Secretary of State, for his ever willing acquiescence in my requirements upon him for the conveniences and courtesies in the library.

To Miss S. T. Hinrichsen, State Librarian, and her assistants, who have seemingly vied with each other to render helpful service, and which will strengthen and cement a bond of friendship through life.

To Miss C. R. Tozier, who has rendered valuable and voluntary assistance, without remuneration, in the library during my illness and absence from it, by keeping the library open and performing many other duties too numerous to mention.

I cannot close this report without expressing my deep gratitude to you for the uniform consideration you have shown to me, and the words of commendation you have expressed to me, more especially when so much needed, during my illness. These deeds of kindness have lightened very materially my duties.

Very respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE P. CLEVELAND,

Librarian.

SCHEDULE NO. I.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY.

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| <p>Sec. 1. Establishing a State Historical Library at the capital.</p> <p>Sec. 2. Sets apart rooms for its use.</p> <p>Sec. 3. Trustees for the control and management to be appointed by the Governor, who shall serve without pay.</p> | <p>Sec. 4. Powers and duties of the trustees defined; librarian to be chosen by the trustees and salary fixed.</p> <p>Sec. 5. Appropriates \$2,500 per annum for use of the library.</p> |
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WHEREAS, It is important and desirable that all books, pamphlets and other printed matter, manuscripts, monographs and other writings, illustrative and descriptive of the history of the State, be collected and preserved in some permanent form before it is too late to rescue from oblivion the memory of its earlier history, and those who founded it, as well as those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days: therefore,

AN ACT to establish the Illinois State Historical Library, and to provide for its care and maintenance, and to make appropriations therefor.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:* That there is hereby established at the capital of the State a historical library, which shall be known as the "Illinois Historical Library."

Sec. 2. The north ante-room of the State Library rooms in the State House shall be set apart for the use of the State Historical Library, and free access thereto at all reasonable hours shall be forever had and maintained.

Sec. 3. The Illinois State Historical Library shall be under the control and management of three trustees well versed in the history of the State, and qualified by habit and disposition to discharge the duties of their office, who shall be chosen and appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, for the term of two years, and until their successors have been appointed and commissioned. The said trustees shall receive no compensation for their services, except for their actual expenses while in the discharge of their official duties, to be paid upon itemized accounts approved by the Governor.

Sec. 4. The said trustees shall have power, and they are hereby required to make all necessary rules, regulations and by-laws not inconsistent with law to carry into effect the purposes of this act, and to procure from time to time, as may be possible and practicable at reasonable cost, all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, monographs, writings and other materials of historical interest and useful to the historian, bearing upon the political, physical, religious and social history of the State of Illinois from the earliest known period of time. They shall also have the power to select some person having the requisite qualifications as librarian and to fix the salary, not, however, to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

Sec. 5. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the Auditor is authorized to draw his warrant therefor, payable to the order of the trustees of the "Illinois State Historical Library," upon proper vouchers, approved by the Governor.

APPROVED May 25, 1889.

Above act was amended as follows:

Forty-first—To the Illinois State Historical Library, for the continuation, care and maintenance thereof, the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars per annum, of which six hundred dollars per annum shall be paid as a salary to the library; to be expended under the provisions and in the manner specified in the act of 1889 establishing said library.

(See laws of 1891, General Appropriations, section forty-first.)

SCHEDULE NO. II.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1.

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 13, 1893.

The undersigned Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library beg leave to invite your attention to the provisions of the law establishing this library, and to earnestly solicit your valuable co-operation in aiding them to advance the objects which the law endeavors to secure.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAW OF 1889—PREAMBLE.

“WHEREAS, It is important and desirable that all books, pamphlets and other printed matter, manuscripts, monographs and other writings illustrative and descriptive of the history of the State, be collected and preserved in some permanent form before it is too late to rescue from oblivion the memory of its earlier history, and those who founded it, as well as those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days.”

Sec. 4. “The Trustees shall have power * * * to procure, from time to time, as may be possible and practicable at reasonable cost, all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, monographs, writings and other material of historical interest and useful to the historian, bearing upon the political, physical, religious or social history of the State of Illinois from the earliest known period of time.”

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We feel assured that no argument is required to show the importance of securing and preserving every book, document, letter or paper which tends to illustrate the history of our great State, so that it may be accessible to the present and future student.

The Trustees will gratefully acknowledge all assistance which may be rendered to them in this behalf.

LAMBERT TREE, *President.*

R. A. GRAY, *Vice President.*

J. N. PERRIN, *Secretary.*

SCHEDULE NO. III.

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2.

DEAR SIR:—In accordance with the duty devolving upon the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, which was created by act of the legislature, among other things, to procure from time to time all books, manuscripts, monographs and writings of historical interest and useful to the historian, bearing upon the political, military, physical, religious or social history of the State of Illinois from the earliest known period, the undersigned desire to collect as far as possible from living participants in the War of the Rebellion, a history of each of the Illinois regiments and the events in which they had so conspicuous and glorious a share.

It is believed that a vast amount of interesting particulars of these regiments may thus be secured which could never be obtained from mere official reports on record in the departments of the State and nation. The Board of Trustees therefore urgently request that you will render the Library and the State the great service of writing with as little delay as possible a history of your regiment from your personal knowledge and experience with it, or if you for any reason cannot undertake to do so, that you will get some fit man in your regiment to do it, or suggest such a man to this Board.

Trusting that you will heartily coöperate with the Board in its efforts in the direction indicated, which will be by it gratefully acknowledged, and awaiting a reply, we are, with high respect,

Your obedient servants,

LAMBERT TREE, *President*,
R. A. GRAY, *Vice President*,
W. H. SNYDER, *Secretary*.

Trustees.

SCHEDULE NO. IV.

*Books purchased and contributed during the fourth biennial period,
December 17, 1894, to December 17, 1896.*

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Total.	Purchase.	Gift.	Total.
1894-5.....	1,006	167	1,173	357	816	1,173
1895-6.....	227	222	449	134	315	449
Government Documents	63	27	90	90	90
1894-6 biennial increase..	1,296	416	1,712	491	1,221	1,712
Books, etc., from organization to December, 1894.....						4,544
Total books, etc., from organization to December 17, 1896.....						6,256

SCHEDULE V.

List of Donors from Organization to December 17, 1894.

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.		
		Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Miscellaneous.
Adair, J. M.	Springfield, Ill.		2	
Adam, F. G.	Topeka, Kas.	3	1	
Alsbury, John	Springfield, Ill.			Subscrip. Ill. State View
American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal	Chicago, Ill.			One number
American Antiquarian Society. (See S. S. Green)	Worcester, Mass.			
American Historical Association. (See A. Howard Clark)	Washington, D. C.			
American Library Association. (See H. E. Davidson)	Boston, Mass.			
Ancient Order United Workmen. (See C. P. Hitch)				
Anthony, Elliott	Chicago, Ill.	2		
Augustiana College. (See C. L. E. Esbjorn)	Rock Island, Ill.			
Bailey, F. W.	Worcester, Mass.	1		
Baldwin, Henry F.	Peoria, Ill.	1	1	
Baptist Association Report. (See Mrs. Kitzmiller)				
Barnard, Gil. (See J. C. Smith)	Chicago, Ill.			
Barnes, W. A.	Springfield, Ill.	4		
Barnum, Geo. G.	Buffalo, N. Y.		18	
Bartlett, Dr. E. P.	Springfield, Ill.		3	
Bartlett, S. P.	Quincy, Ill.	6		
Bateman, Dr. Newton	Galesburg, Ill.		1	
Bickford, Mrs. Mary T.	San Luis Obispo, Cal.		1	
Boston Public Library. (See W. A. Barnes)	Boston, Mass.			
Bourinot, Dr. John Geo.	Ottawa, Can.	28		
Bradford, Mrs. Sarah McC.	Taylorville, Ill.	1		
*Bradwell, Mrs. Myra	Chicago, Ill.	22		
Browning, Charles H.			1	
Bryant, H. W.	Portland, Me.		1	
Bryant, J. W.		1		
Brynmor, Douglas	Ottawa, Can.	1		
Buffalo Historical Society. (See Geo. G. Barnum)	Buffalo, N. Y.			
Buffalo Public Library. (See J. N. Larned)	Buffalo, N. Y.			
Bullard, S. A.	Springfield, Ill.	6	5	
Burnham, J. G.			6	Papers
Caldwell, H. P.	Chicago, Ill.		1	
Caldwell, Howard W.	Lincoln, Neb.	1		
California Historical Society			1	
California State Library. (See Harry A. Homer)	Sacramento, Cal.			
Callahan, Ethelbert	Robinson, Ill.		1	
Carson, Hampton L.	Philadelphia, Pa.	2		
Chamberlain, C. F.	Boston, Mass.		1	

* Dec. used.

Donations and Donors—Continued.

DONORS.	ADDRESS.	DONATIONS.		
		Volumes...	Pamphlets.	Miscellaneous.
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.	Chicago, Ill.		2	
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Chicago Historical Society. (See John Moses)	"			
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Chicago Public Library. (See F. H. Hild)	"			
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R.	"		10	
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Clinton, Miss Ann	"		1	
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Colorado Historical Society. (See J. C. Shattuck)	Denver, Col.			
Compass and Star. (See Rev. D. W. Engle)	Indianapolis, Ind.			
Compton, William	Carthage, Ill.		1	
Conkling, Rev. Charles	New York, N. Y.		2	
Conkling, Clinton L.	Springfield, Ill.		4	
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Darling, Chas. W.	Utica, N. Y.		1	
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Davis, J. E.	Petersburg, Ill.		1	Papers—The Observer
Davis, Dr. N. S.	Chicago, Ill.		12	
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Dexter, Franklin B.	New Haven, Conn.	1		
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Edwards, Mrs. Albert S.	Springfield, Ill.			Manuscript
Edwards, Dr. Arthur	"	7	6	Paper cuttings
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Fifer, Joseph W.	Bloomington, Ill.	1		
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Fowler, Miss Anne	Springfield, Ill.		1	
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Goode, G. Brown	Washington, D. C.		1	
Goodspeed, Rev. Thos. W.	Chicago, Ill.		1	
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Government Documents	Washington, D. C.	10		
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Gross, W. L.	Springfield, Ill.	4	17	
Gunn, Mrs. John H.	Austin, Ill.		1	
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Illinois Cent'al R. R.	Chicago, Ill.	2	13	
Illinois National Guard. (See H. L. Turner)	"			
Illinois State Bar Association. (See W. L. Gross)	Springfield, Ill.			
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Leavett, Rev. J. A.			1	
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Lord, J. S.		1		
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Massachusetts Historical Society.	Worcester, Mass.			4 maps
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Milwaukee Public Museum. (See Wm. M. Wheeler)	"			
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Sons of Am. Rev., Illinois. (See J. L. Vandercook)	Chicago, Ill.			
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STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMISSION.

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Illinois State Library Association at its organization meeting, at Springfield, in January, 1896, decided in favor of the formation of a State Library Commission, and authorized the preparation of a bill to be presented to the legislature in January, 1897.

A STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

WHAT IT IS.

A State Library Commission is a small board of unsalaried officers, appointed by the Governor, for a term of years, to promote the establishment of free public libraries, and to give advice, when asked, in regard to selection of books, cataloguing and administration of libraries in the State.

WHERE ESTABLISHED.

Massachusetts, 1890—E. P. Sohler, Beverly, Mass., Secretary.
 New Hampshire, 1891—J. H. Whittier, East Rochester, N. H., Secretary.
 Connecticut, 1893—Caroline M. Hewins, Hartford, Conn., Secretary.
 Vermont, 1895—M. L. Titcomb, Rutland, Vt., Secretary.
 Wisconsin, 1895—L. C. Stearns, Milwaukee, Wis., Secretary.
 Ohio, 1896—C. B. Galbreath, Columbus, O., Secretary.

RESULTS.

The earlier commissions have largely increased the number of free public libraries in their states, and have each published one or more reports containing valuable instruction in selecting, cataloguing, classifying and caring for books in small libraries. These reports have been widely distributed, are eagerly sought and difficult to obtain. The Wisconsin commission has encouraged traveling libraries in rural communities, and strongly supported the Wisconsin Summer School of Library Science. The Ohio commission has already been of great service to the state library by relieving it of embarrassments common to most state libraries at present.

PLAN FOR ILLINOIS.

Extension of public libraries in the State.
 Traveling libraries.
 Coöperation among existing libraries.
 Bureau of information.
 Library legislation.

There are good library laws in this State, and during the past year there has been a temporary bureau of information, authorized by the State Library Association; but library coöperation and library extension are greatly needed. To this end a central organization authorized by the State seems advisable.

A draft of a bill will be presented to the Illinois State Library Association at its next meeting to be held at Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, November 27, 1896. Legislators, teachers and all persons interested in library extension are urged to attend and join in the discussion.

RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The committee appointed to draft a bill, presented a report and were discharged, and the executive committee with three non-official members of the association constituted a committee on legislation to report at the coming January meeting.

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FIFTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY

DECEMBER 26, 1898.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ROOMS OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 26, 1898.

To JOHN R. TANNER, *Governor of Illinois.*

SIR:—The undersigned respectfully submit this report of their action since their appointment by you, as Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, to-wit:

First—Inclusive of books, pamphlets, unbound matter, duplicates, etc., there are now in the library, pamphlets, 3,545; books, 6,546, or a total of 10,091 books and pamphlets. The last librarian's report to the preceding board, dated December 17, 1896, shows that that of like matter there was then in the library 6,256 numbers; increase, 3,735.

Second—None of the biennial reports include the accumulation of newspapers, maps, letters, cuts, pictures, portraits, or manuscript documents, most of which is very precious historic and biographical matter.

Third—Lately, upon a resolution of the Hon. A. L. Converse, which was unanimously passed, the board of supervisors of Sangamon county patriotically ordered all records and documents among the archives of the county, having thereon the name of the late President Abraham Lincoln, to be transferred to the State Historical Library. Some of these numerous manuscripts have lain in the basement of the court house at Springfield for near three-fourths of a century. Since their organization the several boards of trustees have been specially alert to secure every volume, pamphlet, print, picture or writing relating to, or illustrating, the public or private life of this typical and great son of Illinois. This contribution from Sangamon county includes all poll books from Clary's Grove precinct; the New Salem precinct from 1831 to 1837; such poll books of the Springfield precincts as contain the name of Abraham Lincoln; all the reports made by Abraham Lincoln as surveyor or roadviewer, and the plats and maps accompanying the same; all petitions for public highways in which Abraham Lincoln is named as one of the proposed reviewers, or which are in his handwriting or to which his name is attached as a petitioner; together with all petitions for roads subsequently surveyed by Lincoln; all the lists of judges and clerks of election in which the name of Lincoln appears; all documents and records of the

county commissioners' court in the handwriting of Lincoln; all lists of persons upon whom notices have been served by the sheriff or other public officers in which the name Lincoln is included; receipt to Wm. F. Berry for balance due for tavern license; marriage license to Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd, with the clergyman's certificate of marriage; copy of the Vandalia Whig, extra, for April 4, 1833, containing copy of the revenue law; certificate of Dr. David B. Mercer, relative to medicine for dependent child; survey of alterations in a road from Springfield to Paris, Illinois; survey of State road from Springfield to Shelbyville; copy of subpoenas issued by the county commissioners' court; reports from Road District No. 19, March 6, 1837; list of licenses by clerk of county commissioners' court, 1831; receipt of Denton Offett for store license, 1831; specification for county jail in Springfield, in 1832.

Fourth—During the settling of the old Northwest Territory, with its attendant struggles with the savages, wild animals and malarial conditions, the pioneers were so burdened in making history that they had little or no time to record it. It is only since the great and heroic import of their lives has grown apparent that we began to glean whatever record yet to be found as to these events, and the actors in them. The part that Virginia and Illinois took and its effect on the subsequent republic and its later destiny are only just now being unearthed. And it was along these lines that Governor Tanner, at Newport News, October 4, 1898, responded to the toast, "Illinois."

Virginia was the mother commonwealth, Illinois county the daughter territory, divided since then into five states, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, with the old county seat at Kaskaskia, Illinois. The sons and daughters of the latter state, then gathered on the banks of James River in Virginia, shared in the ceremony of the christening and launching of a national battleship to be named "The Illinois." All this and more our Governor most effectively told.

A full compend of printed and illustrative matter, inclusive of speeches, toasts, incidents, names of participants, etc., relative to the occasion has been collected and arranged and deposited in the Historical Library for safe keeping and future reference.

Fifth—At the request of the board our co-trustee, Professor E. J. James, has prepared two papers, one a bibliography of the early newspapers of the State; the other on the unpublished laws of the Illinois Territory, marked exhibits A and B, respectively. They are made a part of our report with the request that they be printed with the Governor's report, and also separately in the nature of publications of the Historical Library of Illinois.

Sixth—The board again urgently and respectfully call attention to the necessity of more floor, shelf and storage room for the material already secured, making no reference to future additions. The limited quarters assigned for the deposits of the library are too small even to admit of a ready and free access to the volumes and other matter already there.

Seventh—Of the accumulations on hand much of it is neither indexed or chapterized and its resources can only be made available by an ample system of cataloguing. To this imperative work our Librarian, Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, has devoted her time ever since her appointment in a most constant, patient and satisfactory manner. Her task in this connection now nears its end, and the result when duly printed as a catalogue, will be invaluable.

Eighth—The board earnestly requests that the original biennial appropriation to the Historical Library Board be restored; and further that a sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated as a special sum to be used by the board in publishing such original matter as they may select from time to time relating to the early history of the State.

Finally, the board takes this occasion to thank the Governor in an especial manner for the interest he has taken in the State Historical Library and for the encouragement he has given to the members of this board in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

H. W. BECKWITH,
EDMUND J. JAMES,
GEORGE N. BLACK.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

HON. H. W. BECKWITH, *President.*

E. J. JAMES, PH. D., *Vice-President.*

HON. GEORGE N. BLACK, *Secretary.*

Board Trustees Illinois State Historical Library.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the fifth biennial report of the librarian of the Illinois State Historical Library, which contains an account of my first year of stewardship. I entered upon the work the 3rd day of January, 1898, and this period of nearly a year has been largely employed in making the catalogue which is so much needed. It is to be an analytical card catalogue, and there is still much work to be done upon it. The general books have been catalogued, but there are the government publications, many pamphlets, newspapers, maps, manuscripts and miscellaneous articles, such as newspaper clippings, photographs, curios, etc., yet to be classified and catalogued. This catalogue will be of great assistance to students and the general public in enabling them to find "just what they want" if it be in the library. It will also serve, in connection with the proposed printed catalogue, to introduce the library's valuable collection to the people of this State, and of other states also through the libraries with which this library exchanges.

The number of additions has been greater than during any biennial period, but it has not been as large as it would have been, but for the fact that you deemed it wiser to make no more than actually necessary purchases until the completion of the catalogue, and you have by this economy accumulated a larger fund than your limited income will usually place at your disposal.

The report of the librarian dated December 17, 1896, gives the total number of books and pamphlets in the library at that time as 6,256. There are now in the library 6,546 books and 3,548 pamphlets, including duplicate and unbound periodicals, making a total number of 10,091 books and pamphlets, an increase of 3,735 over the last biennial period.

LINCOLN COLLECTION.

Visitors to the library are always interested in the Lincoln collection and are united in the opinion that Illinois should have the greatest Lincoln collection in the world. I recommend that special efforts be made to secure a copy of every book and pamphlet that has been written which relates to this great citizen of Illinois. The collection is already one in which you may justly feel pride, comprising sixty-nine bound volumes (including 12 vols. by Nicolay and Hay, and 3 vols. by Herndon) and fifty pamphlets.

STATE HISTORY.

Remembering the words of the preamble to the act creating this library: "Whereas, it is important and desirable that all books, pamphlets, and other printed matter, manuscripts, monographs, and other writings, illustrative and descriptive of the history of the State, be collected and preserved in some permanent form before it is too late to rescue from oblivion the memory of its early history, and those who founded it, as well as those who have been connected with its rise and progress in later days;" remembering as I have said these words, you have collected much that admirably meets the suggestions they contain.

Your collection of books by and in regard to the early explorers of the Mississippi Valley and the Northwest is one which an older and richer library might envy, and the collection on Indians and archeology is excellent. Among the writers on the history of Illinois you have the works of Birkbeck, Flower, Oliver, Breese, Brown, Gov. Ford, Blanchard, Burnet, Edwards, Gov. Reynolds, Gerhard, Jones, Davidson & Stuve, Anthony, Lusk, Moses and Wallace, the Fergus Historical Series, the works of many other writers of lesser prominence, the "Annals of the West" compiled principally by Rev. John M. Peck, that noble pioneer of the State, whose career was a beacon-light for its religious, educational and social progress.

There are also many of the "gazetteers" and "emigrants' guides" so popular in early days, and so useful to the pioneers in assisting them in tracing their way through the almost trackless prairies.

You have also the various legislative directories, and city directories of several cities and towns, particularly of Springfield. In connection with other State histories is a collection of books on the Mormon religion, which is unequalled in this section of the country. Among them are five editions of the Book of Mormon; one of them being the rare edition published in Palmyra, N. Y., in 1830. This collection might be enlarged by contributions from citizens of Nauvoo and Hancock county, if their interest could be aroused, as many families may have old books or pamphlets, which alone are of little value, but which would be of the greatest interest and value in making complete this collection.

REGIMENTAL HISTORIES.

I earnestly desire that efforts be made to secure regimental histories of the Illinois troops in the war of the rebellion.

The soldiers of the great struggle of 1861-5 are passing away, and soon the noble part taken by Illinois will be but a glorious memory. We have statistics as to the names and number of the Illinois soldiers, we desire a record of the incidents of their daily life during that period, stories and anecdotes of a personal character that go to make up the personalities of the actors in that dark but glorious chapter in our national history. Such records are found only in the regimental histories written by the soldiers themselves. Many regiments have had no such history written, but it may be possible to encourage the old soldiers to furnish the library with reminiscences in writing, and these manuscripts may in time be edited and printed. It would be most interesting and fitting that the library have some sketch of each Illinois regiment.

COUNTY HISTORIES.

You have endeavored to secure a complete history of the State by counties. This collection comprises histories of eighty nine of the one-hundred and two counties. You are making diligent efforts to secure histories of the remaining thirteen, and no doubt the collection will soon be complete as far as histories of the counties have been written. These books are very useful and are often consulted. The library lacks histories of Boone, Calhoun, Ford, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Johnson, Kankakee, Mason, Massac, Menard, Pope and Tazewell counties. It is very desirable that the interest of citizens be aroused in the interest of their own county, and in having that history preserved by the State. This could be best accomplished, as has often been suggested, by the formation of a State Historical Society with at least one member from each county. In this way, much interest could be aroused and the size and usefulness of the library greatly extended. It would be very advantageous to the library if Illinois authors could be induced to present to it a copy of each book and pamphlet, and when the book could not be obtained as a gift, it should be purchased. This result might be obtained if the library could afford to employ some one to prepare a small book or pamphlet on the bibliography of Illinois, giving a list of Illinois authors and their books, including State reports and the reports of State officers. This has been done by the Wisconsin State Historical Society. This society exhibited at the World's Fair a collection of books by Wisconsin authors. The labor of preparing such a book would be considerable, and would involve much patient research and correspondence, but it would be valuable and interesting, especially in showing what Illinois has accomplished in a literary way at the close of the nineteenth century. Illinois authors now living could not fail to be interested, and would be glad I am sure to aid as far as possible in its preparation.

NEWSPAPERS.

It would be a valuable aid in preserving county history if we could have on file and preserve for reference, at least, one newspaper from each county in the State. Editors throughout the State with the proverbial generosity of the profession would be glad to assist us, and I hope we soon shall be in a position, through enlarged facilities and more room to avail ourselves of their generosity. At present there is not sufficient room for the care and preservation of those we are already receiving. The library now receives as gifts, the Springfield Daily News, the Joliet Weekly Sun and the Rogers Park News-Herald. I earnestly recommend that some plan be devised for the care of these papers, and also for the arrangement of the valuable maps in the library, that they may be conveniently arranged for general use. The library receives by subscription the "American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal" and "American Catholic Historical Researches." I beg to suggest that other historical periodicals be added, particularly the "American Historical Review."

It would be well if some arrangements could be made with the State library whereby the two libraries might avoid the purchase of duplicates either in periodicals or books. I also urge that the publications of historical societies be made complete, where the library now owns incomplete sets. I have corresponded with a number of such societies, and the sets have been made complete as far as gratuitous publications or those given in exchange. Libraries have sent you valuable publications with the expression of the hope that this library would shortly be able to send them something in exchange. This we will be able to do as soon as our proposed publications, which will accompany your fifth biennial report, are ready for distribution. There is a large and constantly growing demand for books on genealogy, and many persons go away disappointed at the meagreness of the collection of books on this and kindred subjects, though the "New England Historic and Genealogical Register" and "Hening's Statutes of Virginia" have proved a mine of information to many, and they are almost daily consulted.

CATALOGUE.

Your catalogue will be ready for the printer before the close of the next fiscal year of the State. The expense of a dictionary and classified catalogue will be considerable, and you will require at least five hundred copies, that they may be given to the friends of the library who desire to make the acquaintance of the collection of books that it contains, and send to libraries that have been liberal to you in sending you their publications. I therefore suggest that the Legislature be urged to make provision for the printing of the catalogue in its next appropriation for this library. I also beg to suggest that an appropriation be asked for the employment of a janitor for the library. It does not require the entire time of a janitor, but it does require some daily service, in order that the room may present a clean and inviting appearance, and that dust be not allowed to accumulate

on the furniture and exposed books. Some one who is employed in some other capacity in the State House would be able to give the library the necessary attention, and still have abundant time for other duties. The present plan of one thorough sweeping and cleaning each month, with some other small services, is not very satisfactory and is almost as expensive as employing a janitor regularly, for it leaves a considerable amount of the daily cleaning and dusting for the librarian to do, thus using time that could be occupied in better service for the library.

After making all of the foregoing suggestions, I have still as my predecessor has often done, to call attention to the two crying needs of the library. These needs are more room and an increased appropriation. The book cases are over crowded, and the store house of information contained in the publications of the United State government is not available because of lack of space. Neighboring states are doing a great work for themselves and for posterity in the line of historical research, while for lack of means you can do but little. Illinois leads other western states in wealth and population, but is surpassed by Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota and other younger states in the collection and preservation of state history and the extension of a knowledge of it.

The duties of your librarian are constantly increasing in the line of correspondence and reference work. This is a source of great pleasure to her, and an evidence of the increase of the influence of the library. It has been my good fortune to represent the library at the "Inter-State" and Illinois State Library conferences at Evanston in February, and the meeting of the American Library Association at Lakewood, N. Y., in July. Both occasions were the sources of great pleasure and information to me and I hope were of profit to the library through my increased knowledge of library methods. I beg to thank you, sirs, for these opportunities, and for your kind consideration for me in our mutual labors in the library. I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to Governor Tanner, Mr. J. Mack Tanner and Hon. James A. Rose, Secretary of State, for the unfailing courtesy and numerous kind acts expressive of interest in the library. I wish to thank Capt. R. J. Beck, Superintendent of the State House, for many favors. My thanks are also due to Miss Rose, of the State Library, and her assistants, Miss Thayer and Mr. T. M. Utterback, with whom my relations have been extremely pleasant, and I trust mutually helpful.

In closing this report I take the liberty of quoting from Albert Bushnell Hart's splendid paper, "The Historical Opportunity in America."

"The state societies, with few exceptions, have not reached the measure of their opportunities to help their communities and their country. * * * They have a great field and only need to be aroused to their work. To give an example of the place which they

might have in the public mind, the first thought of any intelligent person into whose hands comes manuscript of any kind, should be: Would the State society accept this, or receive it, or deposit it, or publish it? Valuable material ought to reach these societies as certainly as meteorites reach a mineralogical museum, for on the State societies rest the responsibility of keeping the sources from perishing.

Respectfully,

JESSIE PALMER WEBER,

Librarian Illinois State Historical Library.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

LIST OF DONORS SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Society desire to acknowledge the receipt of gifts during the biennial period from December 17, 1896, to December 17, 1898. They are unable to give an exact list of donations made in 1897, during the illness of their late Librarian, Miss Cleveland, but hereby acknowledge them, and thank the donors for them. Below is appended a list of the persons who have made donations to the library in 1898.

To all of them, as well as to the earlier donors, the thanks of the Board of Trustees is extended.

List of Donors in 1898.	Books.	Pamph-lets.
Addams, Miss Jane	1
Agricultural Experiment Station of Wisconsin	1
Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago	1
Belleville, Ill., Public Library	1
Black, Capt. H.	1
Bostonian Society	1
Bourinot, J. G.	1
Bradley, I. S. (See Wisconsin State Historical Society)
Brynnner, Douglas	2
Buffalo Historical Society	17
Burkhardt, Miss Lillie	2
Cambridge, Massachusetts, Public Library	1
Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.	11
Cheney, John Vance. (See Newberry Library)
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.	1
.. Citizens' Association	2
.. Civil Service Commission	1
.. Legal News Co.	1
.. South Park Commissioners	1
.. Trustees Sanitary District of	2
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (See Keloch)
Connecticut Historical Society	1
Connolly, Hon. Jas. A. (U. S. Government publications)
Crunden, Frederick W. (See St. Louis Free and Public Library)
Cullom, Shelby M. (U. S. Government publications)
Department of Illinois, G. A. R.	1
Dunton, C. Augusta. (See North Adams, Mass.)
Edwards, Miss Ella. (See Buffalo Historical Society)
Fleury, Frank. (See Illinois State Board of Pharmacy)
Gallinger, Hon. J. H.	1
Grand Army Republic, Department of Illinois	1
Graves, L. C. (See Lewis Publishing Co.)
Hendrix, Hon. Jos. C.	2
Hennighausen, F., Ph.	1
Hitt, Hon. R.	1
Hopkins Seaside Laboratory. (See Leland Stanford Jr University)
Houghton, J. C. (See Lynn, Mass.)
Illinois General Assembly Journals. (See Rose)
.. State Bar Association	1
.. .. Board of Pharmacy	1
.. .. Senate	1
.. .. Teachers' Association	1
James, Prof. Edmund J.	1
Judd, Geo., Esq.	1
Kansas State Historical Society	3
Keloch, Elder Louis	2	3

Donors—Concluded.

List of Donors in 1898.	Books.	Pamph- lets.
Kuykendall, J. B.		5
Lake Mohonk Conference		1
Leipzig, Prof. Henry M.		1
Leland Stanford Jr. University		7
Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago, Etching of A. Lincoln.....		
Louisiana Historical Society.....		3
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Martin, Miss Pearl. (See West Virginia Historical Society).....		
Matheny, J. H. (See Illinois State Bar Association).....		
Mercantile Library, St. Louis		2
Michigan State Library.....	3	
Milwaukee Public Museum.....		12
Missouri Historical Society.....		8
Morris, Robert C. (See Wyoming State Historical Society).....		
Mott, Geo. S. (See New Jersey Historical Society).....		
Nebraska Historical Society.....	5	
Newberry Library, Chicago.....		1
New England Historical and Genealogical Society.....		1
New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations.....		8
New York State Library.....	5	4
North Adams, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Ohio Archiological and Historical Society.....		2
Palmer, Mrs. Chas. F.	1	
Palmer, Gen. John M.	2	1
Philadelphia Free Public Library		1
Pritchard, E. R.	1	
Presbyterian Historical Society		1
Ranck, Geo. W.	1	
Recorder Publishing Co., Portland, Me.....		1
Rose, Hon. James A.	17	
Rose Polytechnic Institute.....		2
St. Louis Free Public Library.....		2
Seever, Wm. J. (See Missouri Historical Society).....		
Seventy third Veteran Volunteers' Association		1
Snyder, Dr. J. F.	1	
Spencer, Mrs. Mary C. (See Michigan State Library).....		
Stanford University. (See Leland Stanford Jr. University).....		
Stanfeubial, F. J. (See Belleville, Ill., Public Library).....		
Steele, W. L.	1	
Thirty-first Illinois Veteran Volunteers' Association. (See Kuykendall).....		
University of Illinois.....		2
University of Wisconsin		18
Vermont Historical Society		1
Walker, Rev. E. S.	12	1
Warren, T. B.		1
West Virginia Historical Society.....		6
Whittemore, Hon. F. K. Bound Manuscripts	1	
Wines, Rev. F. H. Cane once owned by Pierre Menard		
Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station		1
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Wisconsin University. (See University of Wisconsin).....		
Wood, Hon. Benson	1	
Wyoming State Historical Society.....	1	
Total	62	173

List of Lincoln and other historical papers deposited in the State Historical Library by order of the Board of Supervisors of Sangamon county.

Poll list Cleary's Grove precinct, Aug., 1831.

Poll list New Salem precinct. Sept. 20, 1832.

Poll list New Salem precinct. Nov. 5, 1832.

Poll list New Salem precinct, May, Aug. and Oct. 1834.

Poll list New Salem precinct, Aug. 3, 1835.

Poll list Springfield precinct, April 6, 1835.

Poll list New Salem precinct, June 20, Aug. 1 and Nov. 7, 1836.

Poll list Springfield precinct. March, July (special), Aug., 1837.

Poll list Springfield precinct. 1838.

County commissioner's court, March term. 1831. Petition for constable to fill vacancy.

County commissioner's court, March, 1831. Two petitions for appointment of Isaac G. Smith as constable.

Petition for appointment of Dr. Gershom Jayne as supervisor. Springfield. June 8, 1831.

Election notice for New Salem precinct, June term, 1832, Bowling Green and Wm. Clark appointed judges for November election.

Petition for constable to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Wm. Constant, July 20, 1832.

List of judges and clerks special election, Sept., 1834. Fees allowed for returning poll books. Three lists.

Plat road from Athens to Sangamon town.

Petition for road from Springfield in direction of Carrollton, Feb. 12, 1831.

Report of viewers of a road from Springfield to Paris, June 6, 1831.

County commissioners' court order for location of a road, Thos. Watkins appointed supervisor for same. March term, 1832.

Report and map of a road from Springfield to Carlinville, June term, 1833.

Plat and field notes of State road from Chicago to Grafton, 1833.

Report and plat of a road from Springfield to Shelbyville, Dec. term, 1833.

Field notes and plat of a road from Springfield to Beardstown, June term, 1833.

Petition to the county commissioners court to appoint viewers to locate a road from Musick's ferry on Salt Creek via New Salem to county line, in direction of Jacksonville, Feb. 25, 1834.

Petition for relocation of part of a road from Watkin's mill, Millers ferry to Morgan county line, 1834.

Report of viewers and plat of a road between Sangamon town and Athens, Nov. 4, 1834.

Petition for a road from Petersburg to county line in the direction of Bairdstown, Feb. 4, 1833: plat of the road, also petition approving said road.

Receipt of Michael Killion for \$3.37½ as reviewer of road from Musick's Ferry via New Salem to Morgan Co. line, June, 1834.

Copy of the report of Killion, Armstrong and Lincoln as viewers, and map of the road from Musick's Ferry on Salt Creek via New Salem to the county line, in the direction of Jacksonville, with receipt for the originals given by John G. Nicolay, dated July 9, 1875.

Act authorizing relocation of part of the road from Springfield to Altan; report Feb. 6, 1835; report of reviewers and plat of the road, Dec., 1835.

Report, map and bill of road viewers, April 18, 1835, for road crossing Musick's bridge to Athens, and to Ft. Clark road; Peter Cartwright one of the viewers.

Act (Feb. 12, 1835), petition and map of a road from Springfield via Miller's ferry, towards Pekin.

Plat of above road and report of viewers, June term, 1836.

Petition for a road from Salem to McCoupin Point, Sept. 1, 1836.

Petition for location of a road from Middletown, near Musick's bridge, via Meadow's mill to county line, 1836.

Petition for a road from the public square at Springfield to Nathan Hussey's on Ft. Clark road; appointment of viewers to locate said road, Dec. term, 1836; report viewers, field notes and plat of the road; bill of C. R. Matheny, county clerk, for notices, etc., etc., 1836-1837; letter from I. N. Moore, relating to affairs in road district No. 19, March 6, 1837.

Marriage license and clergyman's return, Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd, Nov. 4, 1842.

County sale of town lots, sale bill of lots sold May 2, 1825; certificates of freedom to Frank and Macklin Shelby, men of color, issued by Jo Daviess, county circuit court, Nov. 1830. (Two papers.)

List of county orders from March, 1830, to March, 1831, not returned by treasurer.

Report of the committee appointed to superintend the building of the court house on the wood work of the building, May 17, 1831; John Todd and Garrett Elkin, committee.

Memorandum of licenses to retail merchandise, July 7, 1831. (Not entered on record.) Another list same as above.

Draft of Bowling Green on C. R. Matheny, county clerk, for \$4, April 28, 1831.

List of fines taken from "docket" of John N. Moore, J. P., July 29, 1831.

Papers relating to sale of New Salem ferry, by John Ferguson to Alex. Trent; July term, 1832; witnessed by A. Lincoln.

Court order, Dec. 5, 1832. Thos. Moffett ordered to draw up papers for a county jail.

County commissioners court. Sangamon Co., April 10, 1832, memorandum of fines paid.

Alexander Gibson, found guilty of Sabbath-breaking and fined 12½ cts., by Edw. Robinson, J. P., Jan. 29, 1832.

Specifications for a jail, Springfield. March 8, 1833.

Petition for county support for insane son of Travice Elmore. Feb. 9, 1833.

Bill of David B. Meeker, M. D., for medical services to dependent child. 1833.

Part of Vandalia Whig extra, containing revenue law. April 4, 1833.

Bond of Berry and Lincoln to keep a tavern in New Salem, rates allowed for meals, liquors, etc., March 6, 1833.

Receipt for \$10 from A. Lincoln to C. R. Matheny, county clerk.

Money had been deposited with an application for a road, June 3, 1834.

Sangamon Co. in account with deputy sheriff O. Dickinson, fees allowed for serving notices on Killion Armstrong and Lincoln, etc., etc., 1834.

Letter in regard to navigation of the Sangamon river; signed Thos. Epperson.

Letter to Col. John Taylor, Springfield, May 31, 1837, in regard to navigation of the Sangamon river, signed Wm. L. Vance.

Copy of subpoena in county commissioners court, Dec. term, 1837.

Copy of subpoena. C. R. Matheny, county clerk, Sept. 4, 1837.

Petition for increase of county allowance to insane son of Travice Elmore, March term, 1836.

Petition for use of "scrapers" in public roads; Sept. term, 1836.

June term, 1836. Garrett Elkin, sheriff, in account with Sangamon county; bills for serving notices on Conover, Jeter and Lincoln, etc.

SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

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REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

ROOMS OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 24, 1900.

HON. JOHN R. TANNER, *Governor of Illinois*.

SIR:—The undersigned Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library herewith submits its biennial report as follows:

First.—Since its report of Dec. 27, 1898, the addition of volumes, pamphlets, etc., to those on hand now makes a total of 12,000. This does not include newspaper files, maps, manuscripts, etc., of which there is a large number. Besides these there are a number of portraits, engravings, cuts and illustrative matter.

Second.—All this mass with 23 book cases and five tables are packed in a room 14 feet wide by 40 feet long adjoining and north of the State Library. True, for lack of space a portion of this matter is stored over the Historical Library room, but in an ill-lighted attic, which is difficult of access.

Third.—In view of the conditions named, may not the undersigned ask your excellency to call the attention of the Legislature to this fact, to the end that some means may be devised to provide more ample quarters for the State Historical Library and its growing needs.

Fourth.—Your Board of Trustees herein are gratified to say that since its last report an Illinois State Historical Society has been duly organized, viz.: June 30, 1899, growing out of a preliminary meeting of May 19th, preceeding, at the University of Illinois. The first annual meeting of the State society was held with commendable interest and success at Peoria, Ills., January 5-8, 1900. Its second meeting will be convened at Springfield, now its permanent headquarters, January 30, 1901.

Its transactions at Peoria have been printed by the Illinois State Historical Library from its publishing fund for gratuitous distribution, as its publication No. IV. The State Historical Society covers a field over the entire State. It provides for an auxiliary society in every county in many of which local societies have already been organized. The present society and its local branches have already enlisted a number of our most learned educators and others engaged in historical research incident to Illinois and its people; and their zeal and work in this behalf well deserves to be encouraged and aided by the State.

Fifth.—The report of Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, librarian, is herewith appended. This report gives a more detailed resume of the work of the Board since its last report.

Sixth.—The following publications have been issued by the Board since its last report:

1. Bibliography of newspapers published in Illinois prior to 1860, 94 pages; published, 1899. Prepared by Edmund J. James, *Ph. D.*, assisted by Milo J. Loveless.

2. Information relation to the Territorial Laws of Illinois, passed from 1809-1812. Prepared by Edmund J. James, *Ph. D.*; 15 pages; published 1899.

3. Reprint of the Territorial Record of Illinois. Edited by Edmund J. James, *Ph. D.* (In press.)

4. Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society at its first annual meeting held at Peoria, January 1900. Edited by Prof. E. B. Greene, secretary of the society.

5. Catalogue of the books, pictures, manuscripts &c., of the Illinois State Historical Library, compiled under direction of Board of Trustees, by the librarian. Published 1901.

Respectfully submitted, etc.,

H. W. BECKWITH,
EDMUND J. JAMES,
GEORGE N. BLACK,
Board of Trustees, etc.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY,
December 24, 1900.

Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library—Hon. H. W. Beckwith, President; Edmund J. James, Ph. D., Vice-President; Hon. George N. Black, Secretary.

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit to you the following report of the condition and business of the Library for the biennial period from December 1, 1898, to December 24, 1900.

The number of books and pamphlets which in my last biennial report I reported as being in the Library, was 10,091. The Library now contains a total number of 12,031, an increase of 1,940 volumes during the biennial period. Of this number 796 are U. S. government publications; the remaining 1,144 are books and pamphlets of a general nature received by purchase, or as a gift from some individual or institution. As an appendix to this report is to be found a list of persons and institutions who have made donations to the Library during the past two years. Of the total number of books received 693 are bound volumes; the remaining 1,247 being pamphlets, periodicals, paper bound books, and paper covered maps. The number of accessions is smaller than during former biennial periods. This may be accounted for by the fact that you have now accumulated nearly all that has been printed relating to the history of the State, and the number of new publications of a character suitable for your collection is not large enough to make a rapid increase in the number of your books. Then, too, it may be that in some of the earlier reports the number was approximated instead of being exactly counted, for before you had the book-shelves erected in the balcony, the books were all of them on the floor, many of them in piles higher than a man's head, and some of them piled against the west outer wall of the building. In rainy or damp seasons this wall is dripping wet, a menace to the books and to the health of persons whose business it is to care for them. Others of the books were in the canvas bags in which they were sent out from Washington by the superintendent of public documents.

If the Library has not gained largely in numbers in the last biennial period it has accomplished a work no less important. You have begun the publication of original matter relating to the history of Illinois.

The last General Assembly, the Forty-first, will be noteworthy in the annals of the Library as the first legislature in this State which made a direct appropriation for that purpose. The amount appropriated was a small one, \$600 per annum, but it was a beginning—and more than that—it was a recognition of the necessity of such publications as a part of the legitimate work of the State. Since such recognition by the legislature you have done excellent work and have made an exceptional showing for such a short period of time. When your catalog, which is in the hands of the printer, is completed, you will have issued five publications, all of them of great value, bearing directly upon the history of Illinois.

The titles of the publications are as follows:

Publication No. 1.—Bibliography of the newspapers published in Illinois prior to 1860. Prepared by Edmund J. James, Ph. D., assisted by Milo J. Loveless. 94 pages. Published 1899.

Publication No. 2.—Information relating to the Territorial Laws of Illinois passed from 1809 to 1812. Prepared by Edmund J. James, Ph. D. 15 pages. Published 1899.

Publication No. 3.—Reprint of the Territorial Record of Illinois. Edited by Edmund J. James, Ph. D. With a complete and comprehensive index, compiled by the librarian. Still in press.

Publication No. 4.—Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society at its first annual meeting, January, 1900. Edited by Prof. E. B. Greene, Secretary of the Society. 55 pages. Published 1900.

Publication No. 5.—Catalog of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, pictures and miscellaneous articles in the Illinois State Historical Library. Compiled under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Library by the Librarian, Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber. Still in the hands of the printer.

The catalog, the preparation of which has taken so much time and labor, will it is hoped, soon be ready for distribution. It will then be possible for our friends to become acquainted with the collection and its resources. The classification of the material which the Library contains has been very minute. Realizing that the collection is a peculiar one, I have endeavored to classify and catalog the books and other matter in the manner which will convey to the student the most information and to give him the most assistance. My experience has been that when a person comes into a library to study a certain subject, his ideas of what books he needs are not very clear. I usually have to ask many questions, and try, myself, to enter into the search before I can find out just what authorities will be of the most assistance to the searcher.

I hope and believe that your catalog will be of great assistance to this class of students, which class forms far the largest part of our patrons. The subject "Illinois" as the fundamental subject and object of the library has been cataloged in chronological order, following the suggestion of the President of the board of trustees that the chronological order was the best arrangement for books on the shelves. So the cataloging of matter relating to Illinois begins with the early French explorers, through French and English ownership of the Mississippi Valley, through Illinois as a county of Virginia, as a part of the Northwest Territory, of Indiana Territory, of Illinois Territory and the State of Illinois. The material has also been

classified under many sub-divisions, and may be said to, in a way, itself portray the growth of the State. When a catalog has been printed it immediately becomes incomplete, for each day the library receives additions. This objection is obviated by the use of a card catalog.

In a card catalog, cards are made descriptive of each book as soon as it comes into the library, and when the book goes on the shelf a corresponding card goes into the card case, thus keeping the card catalog always "up to date." With your printed catalog, supplemented by the card catalog, in which I feel great pride, I hope and believe that you will find that your library is so classified that any one can find the book or subject for which he is searching, if such book or material is in the library. You have reason to feel great satisfaction in your work of the past three years. Classification is absolutely necessary to the successful working of any library, and publication is of the greatest importance in historical work. In this time you have begun and carried on the classification of the library and have begun the publication of the hitherto unpublished history of the State. Surely these two achievements are long strides forward for the library. You are continuing your efforts toward making this the greatest collection of Lincolniana in the world. The collection of matter relating directly to Abraham Lincoln and his life and labors has increased from 69 bound volumes and 50 pamphlets, to 97 bound volumes and 63 pamphlets. You have purchased for the collection of original Lincoln papers obtained from the records of Sangamon county, and mentioned in your last report, a specially designed case in which the papers may be exhibited and examined without being handled.

This was essential as the papers are old and frail, nor was it safe to allow such precious matter to be exposed to possible vandalism. In addition to these, you have hanging on the walls of the library room six framed pictures of Mr. Lincoln, among them the Marshall engraving, and a handsome platinum print from the celebrated "Hessler" photograph. Col. J. S. Culver has presented to the library, through Hon. Jas. A. Rose, Secretary of State, one of the handles taken from the casket in which the remains of Mr. Lincoln were brought from Washington to Springfield. Some years ago the remains were taken from this casket and placed in a leaden casket. The original casket was then buried under the monument. In the recent work of reconstruction of the monument this casket, the location of which was not exactly known, was struck and broken by the steam shovel. As the casket was broken beyond hope of repair, Mr. Rose who happened to see the handles, suggested to Col. Culver that this library would be an appropriate place in which to deposit one of them. This suggestion Colonel Culver acted upon and sent the handle to Mr. Rose with the request that it be deposited here.

Your collection of newspaper files is rapidly increasing. You can not hope that it will equal the celebrated newspaper collection of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, but it is an exceptional one, and is daily consulted, for it contains a true record of the history of

the localities which the papers represent. It is an unusual thing for a day to pass without at least one person consulting your files.

They come to search through them for marriage notices, death notices, notices of tax sales, accounts of arrests, murders, suicides, political speeches and conventions. In fact the uses of a file of local newspapers will readily suggest themselves to any one.

You have made available for library uses the space over the library room proper, by the construction of book-shelves, by means of which you are enabled to have the U. S. government publications, and the State reports placed on the shelves where they can be consulted, instead of, as I have before stated, being piled on the floor, where they were absolutely inaccessible. It is in this balcony that you have been obliged to have your newspaper case erected. The files, consulted daily, would be much more convenient of access if they were in the library proper, but with your present floor space it is not feasible, nor hardly possible to have them in the room. The files are large and heavy and it is difficult to bring even one file down the narrow winding stairs which lead to the balcony, and as the persons who consult them usually wish to look through a number of years, it is necessary to take them to the files instead of bringing the heavy books down to the students.

In that case it is, of course, necessary that an attendant should be with them during the entire time, not only that she may assist them in their search, but to protect the files from being clipped, which is the danger that constantly besets a valuable file of newspapers.

People who would not think of mutilating the cheapest book, think it no harm to clip from a far more valuable newspaper, not reflecting that another copy of a book is usually more easily obtained than any old numbers of newspapers.

The newspaper case which you have had erected is of handsome oak, and was constructed by Peter Vredenburg, of Springfield, from drawings made especially for you by the Hon. R. B. Watson, Supervising Architect of the State. This case is already filled to overflowing and we are receiving four daily papers. They are the Chicago Tribune, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the Illinois State Register, of Springfield, and the Springfield Daily News. The Tribune, Globe-Democrat, and the State Register are now so large that it is necessary to have them bound quarterly, the News is bound semi-annually; thus they add fourteen volumes yearly, to the library. So the question of the care of newspaper files again confronts you. I have suggested that it would contribute largely to the history of the State if you keep a file of at least one newspaper from each county. With your present quarters this is not practicable, but a plan must be devised for the care of those you already have, and are at present receiving.

I have made earnest efforts toward the completion of your files of the reports of State officers and State boards of Illinois.

The library was founded in 1889, at a date when the State had been in existence as a State for seventy-one years. As far as is pos-

sible we have obtained such reports, and in your hope for further additions to them you must depend upon the interest and generosity of private individuals and your good fortune with "ye old booke man." As a gift from the late Gen. John M. Palmer, you received a number of these old reports, among them the earlier numbers of the "Transactions of the Illinois State Agricultural Society," which has been succeeded by the "Illinois State Board of Agriculture," thus enabling you to make your set of the transactions of that board, complete.

It is fortunate that you have so nearly complete a set of the journals of the General Assembly of the State. These journals embody the reports of the early State officers and boards. Of the journals, you lack the Journal of the Senate of the second session of the First General Assembly, Kaskaskia, 1819-20, and you lack the journals of both the House and Senate of the Third General Assembly, Vandalia, 1822-23. With these exceptions your set is complete. These missing journals are to be found in manuscript form in the records of the State, now in the index department of the office of the Secretary of State. Many persons who have given the subject much attention are of the opinion that the journals of the Third General Assembly, 1822-23, have never been printed, and it is not likely that original copies of either of the missing numbers will ever be found, so I beg to make the suggestion that you print them from the manuscript copies, as publications of this library.

The library still lacks histories of the counties of Calhoun, Ford, Hancock, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Rock Island, and Tazewell. Of the early history of Calhoun county you have a brief manuscript sketch written by Mr. Geo. B. Childs, of that county. The manuscript is dated 1894. Of Johnson, Massac, Pope and Hardin counties you have a biographical album, in one volume, published in 1893. This book gives a great deal of biographical information in regard to citizens, but does not give historical matter relating to the settlement and growth of the counties. Of Hancock county you have an atlas map or plat-book, published in 1891. Of Kankakee county you have an atlas map published in 1883. Relating to Rock Island county you have two histories of the arsenal: Col. Flagler's, issued by the U. S. government in 1877, and Tillinghast's, published in 1898, and you have Quayle's Souvenir of Rock Island County, published in 1895. Thus there remains but two counties, Ford and Tazewell, in regard to which you are entirely without historical data, and of both these counties, histories or historical sketches have been written, so in all probability, you will soon be able to offer the student some matter in regard to each of the 102 counties of the State.

The history of Scott county, which you have, is only a brief pamphlet sketch by N. M. Knapp, published in 1876. The size of the sketch does not indicate that its worth is correspondingly small, but it is to be regretted that the author was unable to give the time and attention necessary to the writing of a more elaborate history.

Of the atlas maps or plat books of the counties you have but a poor collection. They are nearly, if not quite, as important as the

county histories, and I suggest that special efforts be made toward securing a complete set of them. The library has at present atlas maps of but seventeen counties.

Your valuable and rare collection of early maps has been inconvenient of access because they are unmounted, and being very old, the paper is easily torn in handling. This state of affairs you will soon be able to remedy, as the President of the Board of Trustees has consented to consider plans for mounting them and arranging them in a manner which will render them convenient for use and for exhibition, but it will tax even his resources to suggest a plan whereby space may be made to put them in position. You have been offered for sale by the executors of the State of the late Dr. Baylies, of Louisville, Ky., original oil portraits of Black Hawk and his brother. These pictures are the work of the artist, Lamsden. Prof. James has consented to visit Evanston, Ills., where the pictures now are, examine the pictures in regard to their artistic merit, and their price, and report to you the result of his visit, that you may decide as to their purchase.

I have had some recent correspondence with some members of the family of Gov. John Reynolds in regard to portraits of Governor Reynolds and his wife.

The granddaughters of Mrs. Reynolds are the owners of the portraits, and one of them has written me that while the family do not at present wish to part with the portraits, yet they expect to eventually donate them to the State. It is certainly desirable that pictures of the men, women, and places or buildings which have been connected with the State and its history should have a place in your collection, but in your present quarters your walls are already entirely covered with pictures, including the Lincoln portraits already mentioned, and the fine engravings of La Salle, Louis XIV, of his Minister of Marine, Colbert, of Jean Talon, Intendent of New France 1665-1675, and Pierre Margry, the eminent French historian. You have been able to hang but few of these pictures in a position, or to give them the light to which their excellence entitles them. The Wisconsin State Historical Society has a picture gallery which is not the least interesting part of its immense collection.

The reference work of the library increases very rapidly, and I regret that other and more pressing duties make it impossible that I do justice to this branch of the work. It would be a splendid thing for the library in extending its influence, if students and clubs throughout the State could depend on it for help and suggestions in their work. Such work would soon require the full time of one person, and that person would need to be an exceedingly alert and industrious one.

You recognize that the whole tenor of this paper is the necessity for more room. At present the introduction of a new article of furniture into the room means skillful maneuvering and planning to find a place for it, but I think the limit of the elasticity of the room will very soon be reached. You are crowded in every branch of your

work. Evolution itself must push the State of Illinois forward in this work. Look at Iowa! Look at Wisconsin? They are the children of Illinois, or at least her younger sisters!

Their grand work must tend to *pull* Illinois along.

It is certain that interest in this work is growing in the State. Historical and patriotic societies are springing up everywhere, and these societies expect to find in the State libraries the material for the writing and studying of history.

A visitor in the library asked me this question "is the writing of history the practical duty of the State which is so busy *making* history and keeping the necessary books of statistics?"

Prof. James Schouler says: "History leaves the whole boundless empire of unfettered mental philosophy, of fiction, of imagination. It deals with facts; and it draws where it may the moral. History, in short, is the record of consecutive events—of consecutive public events."

The preacher, the teacher and the scholar all recognize the responsibility of the State, and its duty in the matter of the preservation and publication of its history. Indeed the question of the right and duty of the states in such matters has been settled by the State of New York which numbers a State Historian among its official family, by the State of Iowa, in the erection of a fine building, and its "Historical Department" which sends out such splendid publications; by the State of Wisconsin with its magnificent historical library building and the liberal appropriations which it makes for its support, by our own State, in founding this library, and the making of an appropriation for the publication of matter relating to the history of the State; and by other States, in various manners and forms

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the library is under great obligations to Gov. John R. Tanner, and to his secretary, Col. J. Mack Tanner for kind interest in it, and its needs, and to the Secretary of State, Hon. James A. Rose, and his assistants, Mr. H. Clannahan, who has never been too busy to listen to a request for a favor for the library, or to grant the request, and Mr. S. L. Spear, chief of the index department, who has been most kind in giving us every assistance in our work of the publication of the early records of the State. Our thanks are also due to Miss Thayer and her assistants in the State library for many favors, and to Capt. R. J. Beck, Superintendent of the State House, for untiring efforts to make and keep the library comfortable.

In conclusion, I beg to tender to you, sirs, my sincere thanks for your kindly consideration for me at all times, and your unfailing encouragement in my efforts to faithfully perform the duties which devolve upon me in the library.

I am, very respectfully,

JESSIE PALMER WEBER,

Librarian Illinois State Historical Library.

GIFTS OF BOOKS.

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library desire to acknowledge the receipt of gifts of books or pamphlets from the following persons and institutions and to thank them for the same:

Name.	Vols.	Pams.
Adler, Dr. Cyrus.....		2
Agriculture, Secretary Ills. State Board of.....	22	
Allaben, J. W.....	1	
Allen, John C., Secretary State of Nebraska.....	1	
Allerton, Samuel Waters.....	1	
American Jewish Historical Society.....		2
American Philosophical Society.....		1
Anonymous.....		1
Arbitration, Illinois Board of.....		3
Atkinson, Edward, pub. "The Anti-Imperialist".....		3
Auditor, Illinois State.....	2	10
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co.....	1	3
Bangs, J. E.....		1
Barnard, Gil. W.....		2
Belleville Public Library.....		1
Blind, Illinois Home for, Secretary of Board.....		3
Bourliot, Sir J. G.....	2	
Bradwell, Hon. Jas. B.....	2	2
Brown, Julius L.....		1
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Congdon, G. E.....		1
Connecticut Historical Society.....		1
Connolly, Hon. Jas. A.....		1
Crabbe, E. G.....	2	
Culver, Col. J. S. Handle to burial casket of A. Lincoln.....		
Curry, J. B.....		2
Dayton Public Library.....		2
Davis, J. McCann.....	3	
Depew, Hon. C. M.....		1
Detharding, Geo. W.....	1	
Drainage Channel, Special Commissioners.....	1	
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Field Columbian Museum.....	1	
Gedney, Wm. G.....	1	
Georgia State Library.....		1
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Grand Council of Illinois.....		1
Hartman Co.....		1
Henry, W. E., State Library Indiana.....	1	
Hills, Wm. Sanford.....		1
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Hurlburt, Franklin.....		1
Illinois Sons American Revolution.....		1
Illinois State Bar Association, Hon. James Matheny, Sec.....		1
Illinois State Board of Health.....	1	
Illinois State Journal.....	1	
Inman, Col. John B.....		2
Insurance Commissioner and Superintendent of Illinois.....	11	
Iowa Historical Department.....		4
James, Prof. Edmund J.....		2
Jerome, A. W.....		1
Johnson, Brigham, State Library, Iowa.....		1
Joliet Penitentiary, Warden of.....		16
Kansas State Historical Society.....	2	
Keim, R. De B., Editor of "The Keim Family in Europe and America".....		2
Lake Mohonk Conference.....		1
Langdon Printing and Publishing Co.....		1
Leland Hotel.....		1
Leland Stanford, Jr., University.....		3
Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Library.....		1
Long Island Historical Society.....	1	3
Louisiana Historical Society.....		2
Mann, Hon. James R.....		1
McLean County Historical Society.....		1
Masonic Home for Aged (of Illinois).....		1
Matheny, J. H.....		1
Mercantile Library, St. Louis.....		1
Milwaukee Public Museum.....		1
Minnesota Historical Society.....		2
Montana Historical Society.....	1	22
Missouri Historical Society.....	1	
Nebraska Historical Society.....	1	
Newberry Library.....		1
New England Historical and Genealogical Society.....		1
New Jersey Historical Society.....		5
Newlins, Capt. W. H.....		8
New York State Library.....	2	18
New York City Public Library.....		5
Ninety-third Regt. Ills. Vol. Inf., History of. Com. on publication.....	1	
North Adams Public Library.....		1
Northern Indiana Historical Society.....		2
Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society.....		10
Oneida Historical Society.....		1
Oneida Historical Society, by C. W. Darling, secretary.....		2
Ontario Historical Society.....		1
Osman, Eaton J.....		1
Palmer, Hon. John M. Large number of government and other publications.....		1
Palmer, Louis J.....		1
Parker, C. M.....		6
Parkinson, D. B.....		10
Partridge, Adjutant Charles A.....		14
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Pharmacy, Illinois, Board of.....	11	6
Philadelphia Free Library.....		1
Presbyterian Church Manual, Dixon, Ill.....		4
Presbyterian Historical Society, President of.....		1
Public Instruction, of Illinois, Superintendent of.....		4
Quebec Literary and Historical Society.....	1	2
Randall, Mr. E. O.....	5	
Rees, Thomas, Esq.....	1	
Reformatory, Illinois State, Superintendent of.....	1	
Riddle, General Francis A.....		1
Rogers, Rev. E. B.....	1	
Rose Polytechnic Institution.....		2
Salem (Mass.) Public Library.....		1
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Sifton, Hon. Clifford.....		2
Skiff, J. V.....		1
Smiley, Mr. Albert K.....		1
Smith, Prof. Geo. W.....		1
Smithsonian Institution.....	3	
Snyder, Dr. J. F.....	1	
Springer, John G.....		1

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State Park Commissioners of Illinois, Secretary of.....		1
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REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY ROOMS,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 24, 1902.

To the HON. RICHARD YATES, Governor of Illinois:

SIR—The undersigned board of trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library hereby submits this, its seventh biennial report, as follows:

First. Since its last report of Dec. 24, 1900, there has been quite an accretion of volumes and manuscripts, by purchase, gifts and exchanges, to the library. These additions are more fully shown in a detailed report of our efficient librarian, Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, and made a part of this document. Newspaper files, maps, manuscripts, pictures, portraits, engravings, cuts and other illustrated matter do not appear.

Second. The storage, book cases, wall space, tables, etc., required to keep this rapidly accumulating mass, leaves hardly room for consultation or the transaction of the ordinary business of the board in relation thereto. In view of this crowded condition of the small room used until now, may not this board again ask your excellency to call the attention of the Legislature to the fact, in order that some means may be speedily devised to give more ample quarters in the State house for the Historical Library and its rapidly growing needs?

Third. It has long been apparent to the board of trustees that under the law provided for its organization and the management of its affairs, it can not cover a most interesting field that affects the local history of every school district, township, county and neighborhood of the State. This can only be done through a State Historical Society, with its auxiliary societies in the area named. The means to command this essential matter lessen with the death of each old settler. There are no archives of deposit from whence we can draw the desired information. Who was the first minister of the gospel of a given neighborhood? Where was the first church formed? Who were its members, and from whence came they? Where was the first school taught, and by whom? What were the social customs, the manner of living, the peculiarities of the first settlers? Who were the prominent men and women who had to do with the progressive growth in these neighborhoods?

To gather up the scattered grains of this necessary phase of our history, the State Historical Society was organized June 30, 1899, the outgrowth of a preliminary meeting of May 19, of the same year, at the University of Illinois. The first annual meeting of the State Society was held at Peoria, January 5, 1900. Its second annual meeting of January 30, 1901, was at Springfield, before then fixed as its permanent headquarters.

The Historical Society, so far, has been conducted wholly at the expense and time of prominent citizens of the State who have felt the need of such an organization. Without funds, or recognition by the State, its proceedings have been published by the State Historical Library from its publishing fund.

At a late meeting of the Historical Society a committee was appointed to prepare and present to the Legislature, the draft of a bill, to establish the State Historical Society and provide a fund to defray the expense necessary to collect and preserve the local history of various sections of the State, as far as that can be done at this late day.

There is a rapidly-growing interest relative to the history of Illinois that may well be encouraged by our Legislature. The president of the society is lately in receipt of a communication from Adolph Moses, the eminent Illinois author and publisher, who says in this connection that "too little has been done to elucidate the history of Illinois." Also, later a letter from J. M. Clary, A. B., president of Greer college, Hoopeston, Illinois, equally known as a man of scholarly research, who refers to the wide interest in the work of the State Historical Society. Letters of like import to the president, or other members of this body, could be multiplied here at great length were it deemed necessary.

At the last session of the Legislature, a bill approved May 10, 1901, was passed, which appropriated the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of procuring documents, papers, materials and publications relating to the Northwest and the State of Illinois, and publishing the same, which fund was to be expended by the trustees of the State Historical Library with the sanction of the Governor. This act has acquired the name of the "Stubblefield Bill," in honor of Hon. George W. Stubblefield, the name of the senator from McLean county, who introduced the measure. Under this act, the board of trustees of the State Historical Library has ordered material to be gathered and collated with a view to the publication of the same. This work and the editing of it was assigned to H. W. Beckwith, by his associate trustees. Accordingly he has collected, arranged and edited matter for the forthcoming volume which is now ready to be printed. The board is also in communication with a number of book publishers, from among whom a selection will soon be made to do the publishing. The board will keep the expense within the limits of the appropriation, but in doing so has been forced to scan and carefully curtail the selection of matter and the number of copies to be published, and at the same time give the various sections of the State their fair proportion of representation in the volume. The matter prepared is

original and authentic, and places within the reach of the average reader what he could not otherwise acquire without an expense and research in which most private students could ill afford to indulge.

In conclusion, Governor, the board of trustees thanks you most sincerely for the interest you have taken in this important department of the State which you have placed in charge of the board.

H. W. BECKWITH,
EDMUND J. JAMES,
GEORGE N. BLACK,

Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library.
Springfield, Ill., December 24, 1902.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 20, 1902.

Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library—Hon. H. W. Beckwith, President; E. J. James, Ph. D., Vice President; Hon. George N. Black, Secretary:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit to you my report as librarian of the Illinois State Historical Library for the biennial period from Dec. 24, 1900, to Dec. 20, 1902, which is the seventh biennial report of the librarian since the organization of the library.

In this period the work of the library has made distinct progress, in that public interest in it and public knowledge of its resources has materially increased. The number of visitors and students is greater, but it is in the calls upon it for reference work by correspondents that its growth has been most marked. The study clubs, the college students and other departments of the State of Illinois make constant demands upon it for statistical information. The time of one wide-awake person could be entirely taken up in attending to this branch of the work, for it would grow even more rapidly if more time could be given to the preparation of the replies that are sent to inquiries. There seems to have been a great awakening of interest in the study of the history of Illinois. I believe that much credit is due the Federation of Women's clubs of the State for this hopeful state of affairs. The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Revolution and other patriotic societies and the Illinois State Historical Society have all assisted in it too, and certainly the Illinois State Historical Library has done its part toward creating this interest.

In the past five years you have published and sent out, free of expense to the recipient, expressage or postage paid, approximately 7,000 historical publications, exclusive of your biennial reports; 2,000 of which have been distributed, with about 800 copies of your circular letter. You will, during the present winter, issue this biennial report, an edition of at least 1,000 copies, and 2,000 copies of your publication No. 7, "Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society at its Third Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, 1902."

All of these publications are of real interest and enduring historic value. The demand for them is large and constantly increasing.

At the suggestion of President James, I sent copies of the later publications to the county superintendents of schools of the State. In nearly every case the superintendent has written and asked for further publications for the school libraries, many teachers have written for them, and several of the superintendents have suggested that sets of the publications be placed in every school library in the State.

Since the publication of your last biennial report your dictionary catalogue has been completed and widely distributed. Many letters have come to the library expressing appreciation of the book and its usefulness. You have, however, purchased so many books since its issue that a new edition of it, or at least an appendix to it, would be useful.

Your publication, No. 3, "The Territorial Records of Illinois, 1809-1818," has been issued since your last report. This is a copy of the old manuscript record of Governor Ninian Edwards, containing the record of his official acts as Governor of the Territory of Illinois; and the journals of both houses of the first General Assembly of Illinois Territory—the House of Representatives and the Legislative Council—which convened at Kaskaskia in 1812. These record books have long lain unpublished in the office of the Secretary of State; now you have brought them to light, and edited by President James, they are for the first time in print. I have prepared a comprehensive index to it, with lists of officers and laws, which will I hope add to the usefulness of the book. This book has been sent to libraries, schools and many private individuals. A copy was sent to each member of the Illinois State Bar Association, and many congratulatory letters have been received from lawyers throughout the State, that the board of trustees of the library has given to the people of the State so valuable an addition to its historical literature. You have also published since your last report was issued your publication, No. 6, "Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society at its Second Annual Meeting, Springfield, 1901." This publication has been in great demand, and the edition of 2,000 copies has been entirely exhausted. Your publication, No. 7, "Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society at its Third Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, 1902," is now in the hands of the printer. I am reading proof on it as rapidly as possible, and I will prepare a complete index to it. It will be much the handsomest volume you have published, and it will contain half tone portraits to accompany the splendid biographical sketches of our lamented "War Governor" Richard Yates,—of Rev. Peter Cartwright,—and of Major John T. Stuart and his wife, Mrs. Mary Nash Stuart. The publishing of portraits and maps is a new departure in your work, and I hope it will be an attractive addition to the volume. I have, with your consent, prepared for the Publishers' Weekly of New York a bibliography or list of the official publications of the State of Illinois 1818-1900, including also the few entries obtainable of the publications issued by the Territory of Illinois. I do not claim that this list is complete, but it is the best that I could do with the sources of information which I could command. The Publishers' Weekly has

published these lists of the official publications of each of the States, the data being furnished in nearly all cases by state librarians. I also furnished to Prof. F. W. Shephardson, for the American Historical Association, a list of the publications of the State of Illinois, which are to be found in this library.

I have prepared a list of the contents of the "Reports to the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, 1838-1896. This is not an index, but might be called a complete table of contents. I prepared it for use in the library, as the reports are frequently consulted, and not being indexed, it is difficult to use them to advantage. Mr. Spear of the index department of the Secretary of State's office has expressed his approval of the list, and he thinks that if an index was prepared the Secretary of State would be glad to print it. It would be an immense labor, however, as there are 87 volumes of the "reports." In my last report I called your attention to the fact that the library lacked the journal of the senate of the second session of the First General Assembly of the State, Kaskaskia, 1819, and the journals of both the senate and house of the Third General Assembly, Vandalia, 1822-23. Many well-informed persons believed that the journals of the Third General Assembly, 1822-23, had never been printed. I am greatly pleased to be able to call your attention to the fact that during my visit to the library of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, I found fine copies of the journals of 1822-23. The Wisconsin Historical Society with remarkable generosity gave you these priceless volumes, requiring nothing in payment for them except some other historical matter relating to Illinois, of little value compared with that of the books given you. We promised to reprint these volumes and furnish the Wisconsin Historical Society with copies of the reprint—but up to this time our promise has not been fulfilled. The books are too valuable to be sent to the printer, but they have been copied and the manuscript is ready to be printed. This makes your set of the journals of the General Assembly complete, with the exception of the senate journal of 1819, above referred to. We can only hope that some great good fortune will enable you to procure that volume; and that seems no more unlikely than did the finding of the journals of 1822-23.

You have also secured the three volumes of Shepherd's continuation to Henning's statutes of Virginia, thus making complete that rare set of books; which, with Professor Casey's index to the entire series, is used with great pleasure and profit by genealogical students as well as students of the history of Virginia and her offspring, the states of the old Northwest territory. Through the watchfulness and familiarity with the book market, of Mr. George N. Black of your board, you have procured at a very low price, 117 volumes of the New York Tribune, from December, 1850, to December, 1889. This file is of the highest historic value furnishing a sort of day book of events relating to the eventful period of our national life which it covers. It furnishes a history of the campaign of 1856—the birth of the Republican party—of the campaigns of 1860 and 1864, the operations of the civil war and the later campaigns, as well as much

valuable matter relating to the industrial progress of the country. Many of the numbers of this file must be rebound, but even with the cost of rebinding, added, it was purchased at a very low price.

When the 117 volumes arrived there was absolutely no place in which to store them. The State Librarian allowed us to place them in temporary quarters in her department.

Your circular letter setting forth the needs of the library and asking the co-operation of the public in the work of collecting historical material, was sent to many private individuals, to the leading newspapers of the State, at least one in each county, and to each member of the General Assembly. This letter has been productive of good results. I have received a number of letters in reply to it, and some contributions of books and other materials. You have directed me to prepare a second edition of your publication No. 1, "A Bibliography of the Early Newspapers of Illinois," etc. I have corresponded with many persons whom I thought might be interested in assisting in the matter, and have sent copies of the first edition to the editors throughout the State, and have received quite a generous response to my letters. I hope to get the matter ready for publication as soon as a work, which you have deemed more important, is completed.

You have continued your collection of Lincolniana, and no branch of your work touches the heart, the patriotism and the imagination, as does this one. I show the collection to the visitor and tell him that it is the ambition of the board of trustees of the library to collect for the State of Illinois the greatest Lincoln collection in the world; and with one accord visitors have said that the ambition is a most laudable one.

It is the general opinion of interested persons that the State of Illinois, the empire state of the west, the State which was his home, should have in its historical library an unrivaled collection of printed books, and relics of every variety of that great man of the people, the greatest citizen of Illinois, and the greatest man of his generation—Abraham Lincoln—that visitors to his home and his tomb and the capitol of this great State, may come not only to pay tribute of respect to his memory, but to find the material for the study of his character and achievements—achievements which illumine the pages of the history of Illinois and of the nation. You have in the library 138 bound books and 23 pamphlets relating to Mr. Lincoln, besides many clippings from magazines and newspapers, from which scrap-books will be made, about 100 pieces of manuscript bearing directly or indirectly on the early life of Mr. Lincoln, and 21 photographs, engravings and other pictures of him.

There has been a great and increasing demand for genealogical works. A lady said to me: "I think that the history of the ancestors of the *people* of the State, the men and women who gave the State its *people*, is a very important branch of the State's history."

You have purchased a number of genealogical works since your last report, among them being—

- Ames' "The Mayflower and her Log."
- Atwater's "History of the Colony of New Haven."
- Austin's "Ancestry of Thirty-Three Rhode Islanders."
- Report of the Record Commission of the City of Boston.
- Bouton's "History of Concord."
- Chamberlayne's "Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Va."
- The Lineage Books of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 14 volumes.
- DeCourcy's "A Genealogical History of the Milesian Families of Ireland."
- Dwelle's "Records of Hanover, Mass."
- Ellet's "Women of the American Revolution," 3 volumes.
- Glenn's "List of American Genealogies."
- Haxtun's "Signers of the Mayflower Compact."
- Farmer's "Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England."
- Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England."
- Holland's "History of Western Massachusetts."
- Hotten's "List of Emigrants from Great Britain to America, 1600-1700."
- Mallman's "Historical Papers on Shelter Island."
- Mitchell's "History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater, Mass."
- Munsell's "American Ancestry."
- Munsell's "Index to American Genealogies."
- Neill's "History of the Virginia Company of London."
- Pelletreau's "Early Wills of Westchester County, N. Y."
- Roberts' "New York in the Revolution."
- Rupp's "30,000 Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants to Pennsylvania, 1727-1776."
- Salem Book. Records of Salem, Mass., prepared by a committee.
- Scharf's "Chronicles of Baltimore."
- Smith's "History of Pittsfield, Mass."
- Stryker's "New Jersey Continental Line in the Virginia Campaign."
- Stryker's "Official Register of New Jersey in the Revolution."
- Stevens' "History of Cape May County, N. J."
- Talcott's "Genealogical Notes of New York and New England families."
- Tanguay's "Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes."
- Trask's "Suffolk Deeds."
- Tucker's "Marriage Licenses in the Province of New York."
- Van Pelt's "Leslie's History of Greater New York."
- Vermont's "America Heraldica."
- Virginia Historical Society's "Official Records of Robert Dinwiddie, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, 1751-1758."

These, and some family genealogies, and the matter which was in the library previous to the publication of the last biennial report, the principal of which are:

Hening's "Statutes at Large of Virginia," already referred to,
 Drake's "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," the first ten volumes, and volume 28.

“American State Papers.”

“American Archives.”

Fernow’s “Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York.”

Foote’s “Sketches of Virginia,” historical and biographical.

Meade’s “Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia.”

Neill’s “Virginia Historical Series.”

The New England Historic-Genealogical Society’s “Memorial Biographies.”

“Proceedings of the Scotch-Irish Society,” 8 vols.

Howe’s “Historical Collections of Virginia and Ohio.”

The Pennsylvania Archives.

The Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland.

These with some others, form the nucleus of a larger collection, and meantime they are the source of pleasure to the students of genealogy.

The county histories have received few additions; but Bateman and Selby’s Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois has been a most valuable addition to your working library. It is in every-day use. Mr. Selby, the compiler and Mr. Munsell, the publisher have presented the library with a copy of the second edition of the work. This is a valuable present, as the book is an expensive one and the demand for it is large. You have recently purchased a valuable history of Massac county, by O. J. Page. I am very glad indeed to have it in the library as the history of the southern counties, Massac, Pope, Johnson, Hardin and Calhoun counties has been very much neglected, this being the first history of any of these counties which you have been able to obtain, though you have a biographical work relating to the citizens of Johnson, Pope, Massac and Hardin counties. You have also purchased histories of some of the counties of Indiana. These histories are frequently consulted as the early history of Indiana and Illinois is so closely connected that it must be studied as a whole.

Mr. W. D. Barge of Chicago recently presented the library with a list of names which have been proposed in the General Assembly for counties of Illinois, but which were not adopted by the legislature. As the compiling of this list required much research, I suggest that you publish it as an appendix to this report, that it may be printed and convenient for reference.

The library has grown and is growing rapidly, but with all of the additions to it you have no more floor space than when the library was organized on November 25, 1889, with 442 books transferred to it from the State library, proper.

During the biennial period, since your last report, the library has received 2,782 books and pamphlets.

Of these 1,369 are bound volumes, and 1,413 are pamphlets.

Of these, 280 bound volumes are United States government publications, and 390 pamphlets are also the gift of the government.

As a result of these additions the library now contains, 14,713 books and pamphlets. You have procured fifteen sections of the Wernicke sectional book cases—all that your floor space would allow—

but the additional shelf room is so little adequate to the necessity, that it has hardly been felt as a relief to the congestion. The sectional book cases were selected as being best adapted to future arrangement. Every book case is more than filled, and our newspaper case has long ago been over-crowded. We have been for some time piling newly bound files on the floor. They are almost inaccessible in that condition, as they are very large and heavy, there is no room for proper tables and chairs, and the light is too dim to read with comfort.

You know only too well that the crying need of this library is for more room. All type-writing, all proof-reading, all talking with visitors who come on business or merely sight-seeing, has to be done within a few feet of the reader. I have seen many a student become very nervous at the exclamations of visitors, the click of the typewriter, or the voice of the proof reader, even though the proof reader endeavors to read in a low tone. The cataloguer and the proof reader, too, are subject to interruptions on trivial subjects, which might be obviated if there could be a reading room and an office, and cataloguing room. Of course, more room, means more funds.

These things you know so well that it is unnecessary for me to take your time in detailing. The card catalogue is being continued, and it has proven invaluable both for recording and for reference purposes. It, too, has outgrown its present quarters, and a new case will have soon to be provided. It is so in every branch of your work. All is hindered for lack of necessary and convenient quarters.

In spite of these hindrances your work goes on and is being recognized by interested persons throughout the entire country. No branch of the work of the State can be more important than the recording of its history. Allow me to close this report by quoting from Ridpath's essay on "The Man in History."

"Let it be noted with care that written history, however imperfect and meagre, however blind in its transcript and explanation of the processes of man-life upon the earth, is our only resource. Without it, all the past of which indeed we know so little, would suddenly resolve into the darkness of oblivion and be seen no more forever. If written history were destroyed, our knowledge of the career of our race could never be regained. Other things may be restored or built anew. All science, for example, might be quickly recreated if every word that man has written on scientific subjects were suddenly struck into night and silence. All those vast philosophies with which the human reason has so much beguiled itself might be made again out of the original materials. If every paragraph and line which has been penned on abstract inquiry were reduced to gas and ashes, the whole might spring anew out of the soil which first produced it. So also of other achievements of the mind and hand. All architecture and arts might be done anew, or by restoration, if the real architecture and arts of past and present ages were swallowed into dust and darkness.

But not so written history. Who could construct a single paragraph lost from the records of the ancient world? If written history were destroyed, to what should we appeal in the hope of recovering our knowledge of the past? A few hints might still be gathered from architectural remains. Possibly something might be reconstructed by studying the existing laws of human conduct and by tracing backwards for a short distance the lines of dim tradition, but for the rest, our knowledge of the world gone by, of the emergence

of human tribes from barbarism, of the development of our race into nations and peoples, of their rise into greatness and their descent again into shame and savagery, depends wholly upon such records as ingenious man has contrived for the transmission of his deeds and fame to after ages. This record then is history."

I desire to thank you, gentlemen, for your kind consideration for me in my efforts to aid you in serving the people of the State of Illinois in your work in the Illinois State Historical Library.

Very respectfully,

JESSIE PALMER WEBER,

Librarian Illinois State Historical Library.

NAMES SUGGESTED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR COUNTIES OF ILLINOIS.

[The names indented were not adopted. List compiled by W. D. Barge.]

Adair
Adams
Alexander
Allen
Ambraw
Athens
Audubon
Azby
Benton
Bond
Boone
Bradley
Brown
Bureau
Calhoun
Carroll
Cass
Champaign
Chicago
Chippewa
Christian
Clark
Clay
Clinton
Coffee
Coles
Columbia
Cook
Crawford
Cumberland
Darke
Decatur
DeKalb
DeWitt
Dubois
Dunn
DuPage
Eagle
Edgar
Edwards
Effingham
Fayette
Ficklin
Ford
Forsyth
Franklin
Fulton
Gallatin
Goth
Greene
Grundy
Hamilton
Hancock
Hardin
Hardly
Harrison
Henderson
Hendricks
Henry
Highland
Holmes
Hubbard

Iroquois
Jackson
Jasper
Jefferson
Jersey
JoDaviess
Johnson
Kane
Kankakee
Kendall
Keokuk
Knox
Lake
LaSalle
Lawrence
Lee
Lincoln
Livingston
Logan
Ludlow
Mackinaw
Macon
Macoupin
Madison
Marion
Marquette
Marshall
Mason
Massac
McDonough
McHenry
McLean
Menard
Mercer
Michigan
Miller
Monee
Monroe
Montgomery
Moredock
Morgan
Moultrie
Nelson
Nile
Oakland
Ogle
Ohio
Okaw
Orange
Oregon
Park
Peoria
Perry
Piatt
Pike
Pinckney
Polk
Pope
Pulaski
Putnam
Radiation

Names Suggested for Counties—Concluded.

Randolph
 Reynolds
 Richland
 Richman
 Rock Island
 Saline
 Sangamon
 Savanna
 Schuyler
 Scott
 Shelby
 Somerset
 Stark
 St. Clair
 Stephenson
 Summit
 Tazewell
 Tioga

Union
 VanBuren
 Vandalla
 Vermillion
 Virgil
 Wabash
 Warren
 Washington
 Watson
 Wauponsie
 Wayne
 White
 Whiteside
 Wilcox
 Will
 Williamson
 Winnebago
 Woodford

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Dennis, W. C.....	1	1
Depew, Hon. Chauncey M.....	1	1
Dewey, Frank H.....	1	1
Draper, Pres. A. S., University of Illinois.....	1	1
East St. Louis Public Library.....	1	1
Egan, Dr. J. A.....	1	1
Evanston Historical Society.....	1	1
Factory Inspectors, Illinois State.....	1	1
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CIRCULAR LETTER.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS.

The Illinois State Historical Library was organized by the General Assembly of the State in 1889 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and publishing the history of the State and its people. It is an easy matter for the Board of Trustees of the Library to purchase the current books relating to the history of Illinois and of the other states and countries, the histories of which are so intertwined with the history of Illinois that they can not be separated without taking away from the thrilling story of the colonization and growth of the Mississippi valley,—but the books published a generation or more ago, the local histories, accounts of the dedications of early churches, school houses, old settlers' re-unions, and things of a like nature—these are not easily found. It is this local and domestic history of our people that the Board of Trustees of the Historical Library is earnestly seeking, and it now makes an appeal to the people of the State for assistance in the collection of such precious and obscure material. There is hardly a family which would be unable to furnish valuable data. It is by no means necessary that the matter be in print to be valuable to the historical library. Old letters relating to persons, places and events in the history of the State or any part of it, record books, reminiscences of old settlers, pictures of buildings, persons or places prominent in the State at large, or locally, indentures of slaves, certificates of freedom, correspondence with our early Governors and Senators, or letters descriptive of early times, all these are of great value. Early newspapers furnish much historical material of great worth; in fact everything that is of interest to any county or neighborhood of Illinois is of interest to the board of trustees of this library, as forming links in the great chain of the whole history of the State. If you have an old person in your family or neighborhood who has borne some part in the building up of his town or county, encourage him to write his recollections. If he is unable to write with comfort, persuade him to dictate the story to some younger person. These plain and homely narratives may in time to come furnish the best and most characteristic history of the times and of the people who are rapidly

passing away. There are but few remaining who can tell of the trip by ox cart, or river and canal from Kentucky or the east. Very few are the "pioneer mothers" who can tell of the spinning wheel and loom, and of the "dutch oven;" and those veterans who can tell us of the Black Hawk war, must say "my father" or "my grandfather," for the flight of 70 years has carried away the contemporaries of Lincoln in the military glories of the Black Hawk war, and most of the friends and opponents of his later and more notable struggles. The Board wants histories of the Illinois regiments in the War of the Rebellion, diaries, letters and all such matter to aid in writing the glorious story of what Illinois did in the great civil war of 1861-65. These soldiers, too, are growing old and fewer in number. The Board appeals to them to help in recording their own annals and those of their departed comrades. It wishes to hunt up and print the history of our plain people. The country and the State will write the history of its great heroes, but the history of the patient, heroic men and women who founded the great industries of the Mississippi valley must remain forever unwritten unless the people of today write in enduring letters their simple stories.

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library earnestly requests the assistance and co-operation of the citizens of the State in collecting such matter as is indicated in the above letter, and asks that collections be deposited in the Illinois State Historical Library in the capitol at Springfield.

Respectfully,

H. W. BECKWITH, *President*;

E. J. JAMES, *Vice President*;

GEO. N. BLACK, *Secretary*.

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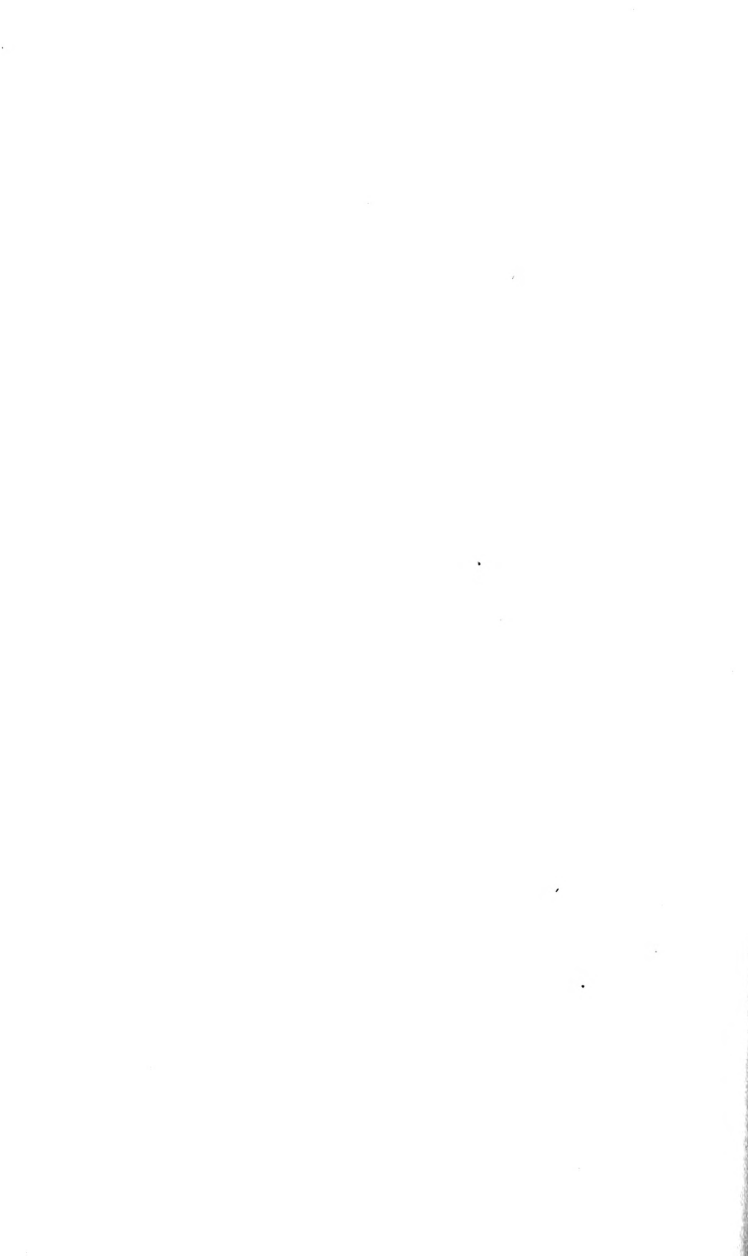
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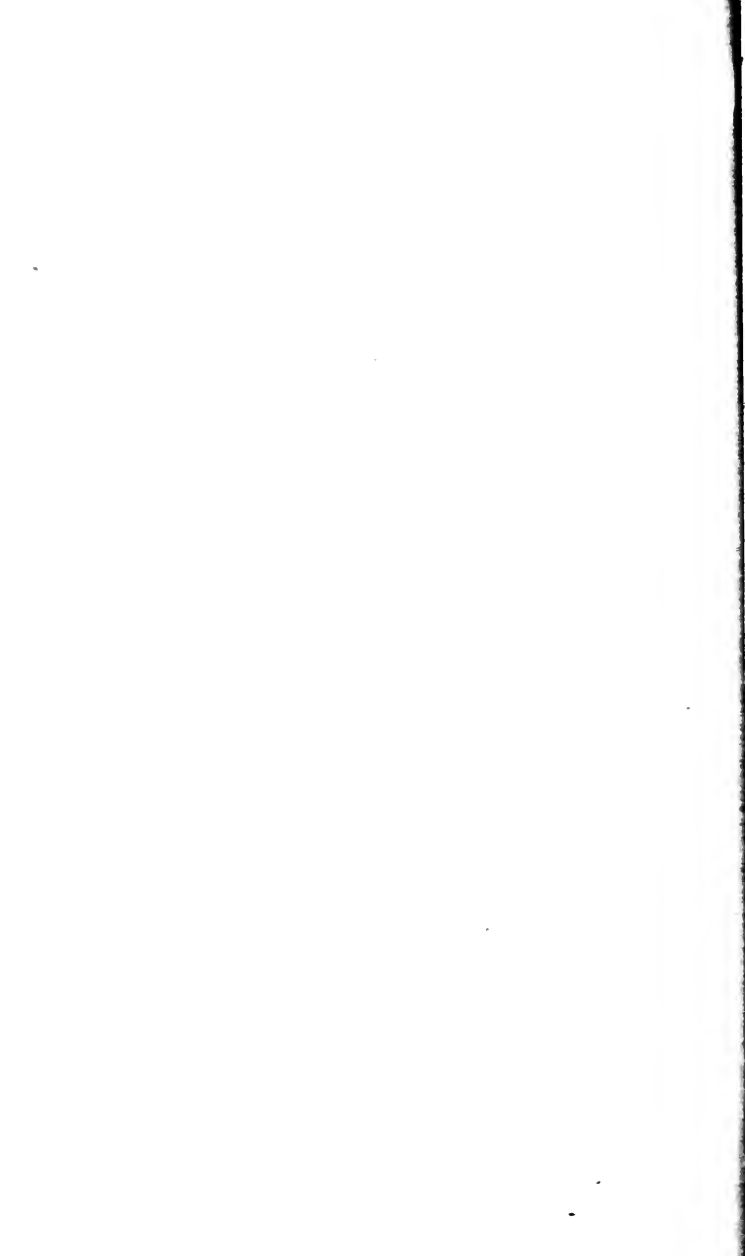
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